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The committee on program for the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference at our State Convention submits the following program. It will be seen that the discussions are arranged in forty-five-minute periods, opening with devotions, and giving twenty minutes to each speaker and twenty minutes for open discussion from the floor. It is hoped by the committee that there will be much interest and full participation in the carrying out of this program.

Signed,

The Committee.

Suggested Program for Pastors' and Laymen's Conference, State Convention, Canton, Miss., Nov. 11 and 12.

## BAPTIST PROBLEMS Monday, Nov. 11

P.M.

- 7:30 Prayer and Praise
- 7:35 Problems of Preaching—J. D. Franks
- 7:55 Discussion
- 8:15 Prayer and Praise
- 8:20 Problems of Pastoral Work—C. S. Henderson
- 8:40 Discussion
- 9:00 Adjournment

## Tuesday, November 12

A.M.

- 9:00 Prayer and Praise
- 9:05 Problems of Finance—B. H. Lovelace
- 9:25 Discussion
- 9:45 Prayer and Praise
- 9:50 Problems of Nonresident Members—A. F. Crittenden
- 10:10 Discussion
- 10:30 Prayer and Praise
- 10:35 Problems of Co-operative Program—H. L. Martin
- 10:55 Discussion
- 11:15 Prayer and Praise
- 11:20 Problems of Organizations—E. K. Cox
- 11:40 Discussion
- 12:00 Adjournment
- P.M.
- 2:00 Prayer and Praise
- 2:05 Problems of Enlistment—H. W. Ellis
- 2:25 Discussion
- 2:45 Prayer and Praise
- 2:50 Problems of Institutions—N. W. Cox
- 3:10 Discussion
- 3:30 Prayer and Praise
- 3:35 Problems of Democracy—L. G. Gates
- 3:55 Discussion
- 4:15 Adjournment

A prominent layman in Alabama is urging his lay brethren to lay aside business for a few days and attend the State Convention. In Mississippi a serious situation confronts us. The attendance on our State Convention is a way down below normal, and it is hard to conceive of any great enthusiasm in our cooperative work until there is a full attendance on the Convention. It is time for us to cease looking upon these meetings as simply pleasant social gatherings. Attendance on them and attention to the Lord's business in them must be regarded as a matter of conscience and of loyalty to our Lord's commission. Send in your name to Rev. J. J. Mayfield at Canton and tell him to provide you a place to stay.

Brother N. G. Hickman of Sardis is assisting Pastor F. J. Chastain in a meeting at Wheatley, Kentucky.

Every now and then somebody rises up to say that there is less drunkenness in countries that do not have prohibition laws than in prohibition America. The Christian Endeavor World says that according to population the number of convictions for drunkenness in London is 48 as compared with 14 in New York City.

Think of it, the Atlanta Association in Georgia had a two days session. There were present the first day 1,152 people and on the second day 1,040. The attendance on Associations in Mississippi this fall has been good, but we haven't seen anything like that. And in a city!

Among the pastoral changes: L. T. Wilson goes to Lakeland, Fla. Gordon Hurlbutt to Buena Vista and Furman, Ala., as acting pastor. Dr. C. S. Stakeley resigns First Church, Montgomery, Ala., after a pastorate of more than 30 years. J. R. Beckett goes to Inglewood Church, Nashville. C. M. Crosswey to First Church, Lakeland, Florida.

The reasons for falling off in contributions to the cooperative program have been much discussed of late. One reason we do not remember having heard is grouching. And we think it has hindered more people than anything else we know. If a leader or one who ought to be a leader is continually saying he doesn't like this and he doesn't like that, he will stand in the way of the Lord's work more than all else. Constructive criticism helps, but to be forever complaining about the way somebody does it is an unmitigated nuisance.

Sunday School attendance is reported from the following churches for Oct. 27:

Meridian, First Church, present 690; collection \$81.85.

Jackson, First Church, present 630.

Jackson, Calvary Church, present 818; collection \$43.66.

Clinton Church, present 375.

Brookhaven Church, present 598; collection \$29.00.

How was it at yours?

The last of the Associations to meet is the Harrison County at Gulfport beginning Wednesday evening at seven, Nov. 6. The sermon is to be preached by brother H. D. Walker, followed by an address from a representative of the Baptist Bible Institute. On Thursday morning will come a report on Christian Education by T. H. Stanley; on Foreign Missions by J. L. Low, and a sermon by W. S. Allen. In the afternoon the report on Stewardship and Budget by J. W. Helms; on Sunday Schools by W. R. Cary; on B. Y. P. U. by R. E. Denman. In the evening come the reports on Hospital by Mrs. C. C. Robertson; on Orphanage by Mrs. L. H. Miller. On Friday there will be a report on The State of Religion by A. I. Cox; on State Missions by W. S. Allen; on Obituaries by J. M. Edwards; on Religious Literature, by H. B. Hatter; on Nominations by C. J. Darby; on W. M. U. by Mrs. Low; on Law Enforcement by R. O. Bickerstaff; on Home Missions by L. H. Miller.

There were 123 members added to Bellevue Church, Memphis, in September. R. G. Lee pastor.

Dr. M. E. Dodd will have a new book off the press about Jan. 1, entitled "Missions Our Mission".

Rev. C. T. Carmichael has moved to White Bluff, Miss., from Coffeerville, Ala., and can be had for the pastorate of churches.

This is the last issue subscribers will receive whose date of expiration still shows Oct. 1929. If you do not wish to miss an issue of the Record renew at once.

The average attendance of Brandon Sunday School the past year was above the average resident church membership. Who can equal this record?—C. J. Olander, Pastor.

Dr. Hugh P. McCormick, who died recently in Baltimore, was for twelve years a missionary of our foreign board in Mexico and later a missionary of the Northern Convention in Porto Rico.

Evangelist E. E. Huntsberry assisted Pastor E. A. Bateman in a meeting at Delhi, La., in which 52 were added to the church and the work helped every way. Gayle Holcomb led the singing.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling has resigned the pastorate of Marble Collegiate Dutch Reformed Church in New York City that he may devote more of his time to the Christian Endeavor movement. He is also editor of The Christian Herald.

A large number were baptized as a result of the meeting in Calvary Church, Louisville, Ky., by Pastor T. J. Barksdale in a meeting in which he was assisted by Dr. W. M. Bostick of Clarksdale.

Occasionally the editor gets a word of appreciation from good friends which is highly valued. Just now it is Brother W. H. Patton who writes. The publishing of these is a question of taste, and we prefer to stay on the safe side by enjoying them all by ourselves.

Among the students at M. S. C. W. at Columbus there are ten denominations represented. Methodists number 566; Baptists 514; Presbyterians 191; Episcopalians 49; Disciples 46; Catholic 25; Jewish 5; Lutheran 4; Scientist 2; "Church of Christ" 1.

W. F. Frazier helped Pastor Theo. Whitfield in a meeting at Desloge, Mo., for two weeks. W. J. Morris of Little Rock led the singing. Both are highly commended by the pastor for their work. There were 22 added to the church. An offering of \$350.00 was given them. Mr. Frazier is now in a meeting at Lockwood and Mr. Morris at Trinity Church, Memphis.

The Commercial Appeal recently had an editorial on "What Sort Of Law Would The Liquor Interests Obey?" in which it is shown that there was never a law that these people liked, or obeyed willingly. It is impossible to make laws that would be satisfactory to them, and regulation of their business is an impossibility. The only thing to do with a snake is to kill it.



## AN OLD TESTAMENT VERSE

By James E. Dean

"Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful;  
And the end of that mirth is heaviness."

Pr. 14:13.

As it appears in English the above observation on human experience is hardly true to life. It would be much better to say.

"Even in laughter the heart may be sorrowful,  
And the end of mirth may be sorrow."

There is nothing in the Hebrew to indicate whether the indicative or the potential mood is to be used. The only guide we can have is the context, and there is nothing in the immediate connection to require that we say the human heart is always sorrowful in laughter or that the end of all mirth is sorrow. But it is a wholesome warning that sorrow may creep in anywhere, even into our sincerest laughter. And therefore we should see to it that our amusements are always clean and wholesome. The word "that" does not appear in the Hebrew, and is only put in here to try to give a fit ending for the preceding line.

Something similar is found in Prov. 18:4,

"The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters,  
And the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook."

But in the Hebrew there is not a verb in this entire verse, and it might be read even better,  
"The words of a man's mouth should be as deep waters,

A flowing brook, a wellspring of wisdom."

This reading of the second line is indicated in the margin of the American Revised version, though there is not even a suggestion that the word "are" does not appear in the first line of the original. This is a fine statement of what the words of a man's mouth "should be", but they certainly are not always such. And it might be added that the last reading follows the Hebrew order in the second line. The only reason for placing "wellspring of wisdom" first is in order to be able to get in a verb conveniently.

Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans.

## SHALL WE WIN?

Yes, the one hundred thousand dollars should be raised, and then some; we are able, God has plenty of money in the hands of the Baptist folks, but will they turn it loose? yes, I believe they will.

Why?

For this emergency call; there is the credit at stake, of all the Baptist people of this State. The credit of the future is at stake, in every branch of our work.

We Baptists owe it, and it is an honest debt, and we have never yet failed to pay our debts.

Will we fail this time?

If it is left to a few to pay, then we will fail, but we believe that the whole State will hear this heart call, and respond to His call in this hour of emergency.

In the name of our Master, let's every church of us give till it hurts, for His own glory.

Hoping for Victory,

Grenada, Miss., Oct. 21st.

—W. E. Farr.

I led the singing in the meeting with the First Church of Winchester, Ky. Dr. Owen F. Herring is the pastor. Dr. John L. Slaughter of the Leigh Street Church, Richmond, Va., did the preaching. Dr. Slaughter is a Mississippi man, the nephew of Dr. J. B. Lawrence. He is a man of unusual ability. He did splendid preaching. The Lord gave us a gracious revival there. The people came in large numbers and were very appreciative. This was my third meeting with this church. The other two meetings were with Dr. J. W. Gillon when he was pastor here. At this writing I am with Pastor J. A. Barnhill and the Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, Miss. The meeting has started off fine and we are looking for large results. Pray for us.—Joe Canzoneri.

## ASSOCIATION

By Geo. S. Jarman

Baptists are still at the helm guiding the Ship of Zion in old Sunflower. Some may sleep but many are watchers and workers. We keenly feel our obligation to our Lord and fellowman. Nothing but the crucified and risen Saviour can heal man's disease—sin. With this fundamnetal truth thoroughly established in our hearts we have so organized our association and are now trying to organize our churches for the highest efficiency in the Lord's work.

The reports of the churches to the association this year show marked increase and interest in the work both at home and abroad. Attendance at all church services has greatly increased and contributions for both local and denominational causes are much larger than the previous year. There have been two new church buildings in the last year, namely, Moorhead and Jones Bayou. Several young People's organizations have been organized and are functioning nicely. The outlook is bright and promising.

The new pastor, Rev. C. W. Baldrige, of Inverness and Sunflower, has the work well in hand and is very optimistic over a new building program. The new and much beloved pastor, Rev. D. L. Sturgis, of Indianola, has been laid off his job for a few weeks because of a necessary operation which was performed in Memphis at the Baptist Hospital about three yeeks ago. We are very glad to know he was able to return home today, October 17. We trust and pray that his health may soon be fully recovered. He is a valuable man and his worth will be felt as soon as he is at himself. We are most happy to have these two good pastors with us.

Now, for the first time in some time, all our churches have pastors. There are eleven of us, six living in the county and the other five in adjoining counties. We have a live pastors' conference which meets once a month. The writer has just been re-elected president for another year and Rev. C. W. Baldrige secretary. During the coming year we plan to enlist, organize a mission school and hold a revival in every rural section possible. This is a great opportunity in this fine Delta county and it takes real men full of God's grace, with a passion for lost souls to do this much needed work. But thank God we have the material.

We also have a live Sunday School Convention which meets every fifth Sunday. The purpose of the convention is to create interest in and inform our people of Baptist work. While it is primarily for the Sunday Schools, yet one or more of our causes is discussed at every meeting. This convention has done much to promote the S. S. spirit in the association. We always have instructive programs and good attendance. T. L. Turner, Ruleville, is president, and R. T. Strickland, Drew, is secretary. We meet the fifth Sunday in December with the Sunflower Church.

The heart of our association is bowed in grief today as we buried the noble wife of our good Brother J. S. Deal, Moorhead, this afternoon. No preacher ever labored in this Delta any harder than that man of God, J. S. Deal. He went far from home and into the late hours of the night to tell the story of Jesus. Eternity alone will reveal the good he has done. No pastor is more loved than he. He is left with four orphan grandchildren, but he has a mighty big faith in God and His gracious promises. May the God of grace comfort him in this the saddest hour of his life.

My work here is moving on in a nice way. We had a fine year and are beginning the new associational year in good spirits. The largest S. S. last Sunday we have had during the year. Are having a few additions along. The outlook is promising and we are ready to give our Saviour the best we have.

## SOME MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF A MODERN PAUL

Our only missionary to the Jews, Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus of the Home Mission Board of Atlanta recently spent a week in Mississippi speaking to Baptists in the interest of Jewish evangelization. He began his tour of Mississippi at Durant, where he spoke Sunday morning, Oct. 13th. During the week following he spoke at the following places, Sunday evening Oct. 13th at First Baptist Church, Brookhaven; Monday morning to Brookhaven Pastors Conference and Whitworth College Chapel service; Monday evening to Business Women's Circle of the Brookhaven Missionary Society and visitors; Tuesday he spoke to the Lincoln County W. M. U. in annual meeting at Friendship church and at night to Hazelhurst Baptist Church; Wednesday he spoke to Millsaps College at Jackson and Griffith Memorial Baptist church at prayer meeting; Thursday he visited the state-wide meeting of Baptist workers at Clinton; Friday he spoke to the Lincoln County Baptist Association at Bethel church and at night at Norfield. Sunday Oct. 20th was spent at Winona for the morning service and at Memphis, Tennessee for the evening service.

Brother Gartenhaus is an interesting speaker and grips the heart and interest of his audience. He stirs compassionate interest in the winning of the Jews wherever he goes. His experience of conversion from Judaism to Christ is romantic and reminds one of the experience of Paul. His earnest message in behalf of his people is also Pauline. His appeal to Christians to be kindly disposed towards the Jew, to be neighborly and take a keen interest in his spiritual welfare is compelling. He would be glad to make another visit to Mississippi soon and if your church has not had the privilege of hearing him, write him at Atlanta, Ga., 804 Mortgage Guarantee Building, for an engagement. —A. F. Crittendon.

We were agreeably surprised Thursday of last week when we walked into the church at Lyon to see the house well filled with messengers to the Riverside Association. This was the fourth association in the Delta we had attended this season and it was decidedly the largest in attendance. Already business was going in high gear and moderator R. A. Eddleman had his foot on the accelerator. The Clerk, professor Granberry, was kept busy and after a while was relayed by Mr. E. E. Boone. We were just in time to hear the report on Social Service which was later spoken to by Supt. Thompson, of the Orphanage. Pastor Neal will look after the Thanksgiving offering in this association. We saw among the visitors Dr. R. A. Kimbrough and Pastor J. S. Jarmon, of Ruleville. The singing was led by brother Hickman, assistant to Pastor Bostick, at Clarksdale. Dr. Bostick preached the sermon on the text, "Where there is no vision the people perish." It was a great message with true interpretation and practical application. Dinner was served by the ladies of Lyon in the church basement, and was so good that it put some of the people to sleep later on. No it was not the speaking. More than one commented on the fine increase in the attendance over three years ago. In the afternoon Pastor W. L. House read the report on Stewardship and Budget and made a good talk. Dr. Bostick read the report on missions and made a forceful talk. Here is also where the Editor came in. Brother J. A. Ousley reported on the Constitution. It seems the association had been running pretty well several years without one. Other business committees finished up the day's work. The next day the ladies were to be in charge and a fine program was arranged. We heard good reports of the address on Education by Dr. R. A. Kimbrough.

See the article in another column from Brother Jacob Gartenhaus, our missionary to the Jews in the South.



# Housetop and Inner Chamber

On a recent Sunday Okolona Sunday School had present 191; the collection was \$12.03.

A card on the Editor's desk indicates a visit from Dr. Louis J. Bristow. Sorry not to have seen him. But he saw some "just as good."

Rev. J. A. Chapman of Strong Hope Church in Copiah County will move about Dec. 1st to Summit and will be available as pastor of churches within his reach. He is a faithful pastor.

Dr. Charles W. Duke celebrates in November his twenty-fourth anniversary as pastor of First Church, Tampa, Florida. In these years the church membership has grown from 340 to 2,440. Then there were five white Baptist churches in the city; now there are twenty.

Meeting with Dr. C. P. Stealy and Hudson Ave. Oklahoma City was one of the most pleasant meetings I was ever permitted to labor in. Dr. Stealy is not only a great editor. He has the true Shepherd heart. He loves people. His people all love him. —A. D. Muse.

At its convention recently in Louisville the American Legion passed a resolution asking Congress to investigate the activities of the Federal Council of Churches in the interest of world peace. The secretary of the Council, C. S. McFarland, invites the Legion to make its own investigation and offers all assistance.

From the Okolona Baptist we hear that in Chicasaw County Association in the past year 95 were baptized by the churches, 94 received in other ways. The total membership of the churches is 1942, a net loss of 46. There are 16 churches reporting, two not reporting. Total contributions \$18,251.02, a gain of \$2,502.48 over the year before. Okolona church led in baptism and in contributions.

According to the Manufacturer's Record the output of southern factories is \$10,370,000,000 annually or double that of our farms and 30 per cent greater than the factory products of New England, nearly equal in value to the entire product of the factories in the United States in 1900. Would you like for John's prayer to be answered for you: "May you prosper and be in health as your soul prospers"?

Purvis: Dr. H. M. King of Jackson closed a ten days meeting with us some days ago. His stay with us was one of great delight to our people. It was of special delight to the writer, who has had the pleasure of having this good brother with him on several other occasions. The result of the meeting was in having the privilege of baptizing four of our young people, and two others were received by letter.—E. T. Mobberly.

Pastor T. W. Talkington of Crystal Springs says: Our work here is in fine condition, as far as I can determine; additions most every Sunday, as I can determine; additions most every Sunday, School has about doubled during past three months and B. Y. P. U. attendance is four times what it was two years ago. The W. C. T. U. work is also in a healthy condition. Our congregations are larger, especially at the evening hours.

Hope you read Dr. McMullin's article a week or so ago about the attendance at our State Convention. Less than sixty laymen present as messengers! Something's wrong with the laymen—or the Convention, or both. Let's get together. Talk to your folks about it. Get up a crowd and bring them to Canton. If we are to seek first the kingdom of God, this is a good place to show up. We need 500 laymen and a few more preach-

ers at our Convention. Meets Nov. 12-14. Begins 7:30 P. M.

The brief articles by Dr. James E. Dean, of the Baptist Bible Institute appearing from time to time in The Baptist Record are a real contribution to Bible knowledge. They are short, practical, scholarly and in language anybody can understand. We hope no reader of the Record will miss them. They render just the sort of service to the people that men in our Seminaries are capable of doing and keep the institutions in helpful contact with all our people. The Record and its readers appreciate this contribution to Bible knowledge.

The Baptist Courier very properly, justly and wisely asks the Catholic priest to put to the test his power on earth to forgive sins, the same test to which Jesus submitted. Jesus said, "That ye may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins, he saith unto the sick of the palsy, Take up thy bed and walk". When the Catholic priest can stand this test successfully, the man of average sense will believe that he can forgive sins. On the other hand every Christian can tell a man his sins are forgiven him of God when he has genuinely repented and trusted in the blood of Christ.

One of the most helpful revivals ever held in the McComb First Baptist Church came to a close Sunday night when the pastor, Dr. J. W. Mayfield, immersed twenty-five in the baptism. Seventy-nine members were added to the church during the services. Three prayer meetings were conducted each evening by the men, the women, and the young people, more than 100 attending each time. Dr. J. W. Mayfield, the pastor, preached. This is the sixth revival to hold here out of eight years as pastor, and this was the most helpful yet held. Especially did the services seem to get hold of the men in the church. Alvon H. Doty of Jackson led the singing in a fine way.—H. L. S.

Pastor A. D. Muse and his assistant, Lee Baum, of Claremore, Oklahoma, are putting on a systematic campaign in all the schools of the County. They do not wait for an invitation. They get in touch with the principals of the schools and arrange engagements. They make an average of two engagements a day. Mr. Baum puts on a real high class program of music and song. Pastor Muse preaches a straight Gospel service. As the result, people from every nook and corner of the county are coming into the services at Claremore.—A. D. M.

Leflore County Association met with the church at Schlater last week. There are not many churches in the county, but they were well represented and made good reports. Pastor L. D. Posey was reelected moderator over his protest and Pastor Madison Flowers clerk, though he tried to put somebody else in office. The sermon was preached by Brother Roy Brigance of the Second Church of Greenwood, from the text "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto myself". It had the ring of the truth in it. Prof. Scott of Schlater read the report on Social Service, which gave a good account of what Baptists are undertaking to do in these lines. But the feature of the morning session and probably of the entire meeting was the report on the W. M. U. Mrs. Bettis of Sidon, the associational superintendent, was in charge, and reports were given from every church by a representative of that church. These were all pronounced excellent. The editor was honored by being transported to the association in Mrs. Henderson's car in company with her and four other

ladies. She was kind also in sending him back to Greenwood in time for the afternoon train.

The tariff question is not simply a political issue. It is an economic question, and the effect of tariff legislation on the common people and the workmen makes it a moral and religious question. The fact that it has become a moral issue is clearly shown in the questionable methods of manufacturers to secure favorable legislation. These methods have recently and none too soon come in for congressional investigation. Manufacturers are strongly and efficiently organized and are able to secure legislation favorable to themselves which may be detrimental to the good of the people. The Democratic party was once opposed to a tariff which favored a small class as against the masses; but recently the tariff is a sort of grab game in which everybody is trying to get something for himself. Dr. Charles E. Jefferson has recently called attention to the injurious effect of the American tariff on workmen in other countries and raises the question as to whether it is right to enrich a few Americans by impoverishing the workmen in other countries.

At the Scott County Association you may expect a good crowd. Certainly they had it this year at Bethlehem Church, and the people were well taken care of. The brethren hustled around and put up a stove and the sisters spread an ample dinner. Moderator Meadors called the meeting to order and brother D. W. Moulder led the devotional service, speaking of the greatness of our God. The people who listen to him long will know something about the Bible. Prayer was led by brother R. L. Wallace who was reared in this community and is back for a visit; also brother G. W. Nutt, of Lena, led in prayer. One unusual feature was the reading of the constitution by the clerk. Letters from the churches were gathered in and turned over to a committee on digest of which brother Joiner is chairman. Brother Meadors was reelected moderator and brother J. H. Street was made clerk. He has recently become pastor at Harperville and Lena. Visitors were introduced and one church Sebastopol admitted on letter from Mt. Pisgah Association. The singing was led by brother Moody Purvis. The sermon by brother M. C. Hughes was on the text "We are God's fellow workers." He stressed three things, the necessity of work, the necessity of cooperation and the fact that we are God's workers. It was a timely and true sermon. After dinner superintendent Thompson spoke of the orphanage. Brother M. C. Hughes read the report on Home Missions, brother G. S. Jenkins on Foreign Missions and brother J. L. Hughes on the Cooperative Program. Good addresses were made by brethren J. L. Hughes, G. S. Jenkins and D. W. Moulder. The Editor also spoke on Proving the Sincerity of one our Love. There was also a night session and one the next day which we could not attend because of another engagement.

## A PLEASING STORY OF A GREAT LIFE

John R. Sampey, LL.D.

The many friends and admirers of the late President E. Y. Mullins will be deeply interested in the announcement of a forthcoming biography by his gifted wife. The title of the book is "Edgar Young Mullins," by Isla May Mullins. It was my privilege to read the interesting and informing story in manuscript, and I predict for it a wide sale and great usefulness. I could wish that every young man looking forward to the work of the ministry as his life calling might own a copy of the book. It is an inspiring story of achievement. Readers of all ages and callings will find pleasure and profit in this labor of love. While the book is singularly free from exaggeration or fulsome praise, the love and admiration of the devoted wife and helper lend a peculiar charm to the narrative. The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., announce the appearance of the book on November 1st.



## Editorials

### TESTING OUR SINCERITY

There's a mighty good text for a sermon in 2 Corinthians, 8:8 and it reads this way: "I speak not by way of commandment, but as proving by the earnestness of others the sincerity also of your love." There is waiting in these words a mighty good sermon for all of us if some brother who knows how will get it out. We'll just talk about it a little without preaching it now.

To begin with, insincerity is one of the greatest enemies of religion and of our souls. It is constantly shadowing us; or as the Lord said to Cain it "croucheth at the door." It is all the more dangerous because it is so little realized; and because we are so unwilling to acknowledge it when we begin to suspect that we are guilty. There is not one of us that is not in danger; and we are in danger all the time, and in every act and expression of our religion. Satan does not always go about as a roaring lion; he is often a sneaking, creeping reptile.

Jesus put as much stress on the proper motive in religious service as he did on the actual performance of it. See the sermon on the mount. And he constantly cautioned and warned the disciples against hypocrisy. He called it the leaven of the Pharisees, for it had completely taken possession of them. Religion in Jesus' day had become a system of insincerity, a tissue of hypocrisy. At the approach of this insidious temptation, Jesus raised the red light signal of danger: "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees." Don't think that you are immune to it.

There is evidence today that insincerity is not merely an incipient danger, but that it is a dreadful reality in much of our religion and in religious people. This statement is not from an enemy of Christianity, or one unfriendly to Christians, but from one of them who is making the fight against the lack of sincerity in himself and in others of the faith. Please do not dismiss this admonition lightly, nor until it has had time to be thoroughly considered.

The bottom cause of insincerity is the fear of man. The abnormal desire to secure favor of men or to avoid their displeasure. There is nothing that paralyzes every energy of mind and soul so much as the fear of man. And nothing that so puts strength into one as the fear of God.

It is fortunate for us if our sincerity can be put to the test. We greatly need to be tested at this point. Jesus said "there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid that shall not be known." And it is well if it can be realized now while there is time to correct it. David prayed the Lord not only to "search" him but to "try him" to see if there were any evil way in him, and lead him in the way everlasting. And James says, "Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into diverse tests." It is possible for others to discover our insincerity before we find it out ourselves. But it will never be corrected till we are ourselves made painfully conscious of it. We must know that insincerity is a worm that eats the heart out of religion and destroys its very life.

Now you will not know whether a handstick is rotten till you try to lift a load with it. You cannot be sure that all parts of a machine are sound until you start it to running. You will not know whether a cable will hold until it feels the pull of the ship. You will not know whether or not your religion is genuine until it the strain and test of actual performance have been applied. This is according to Jesus and Paul and James and all the rest of them. Why call ye me Lord and do not what I say. Not everyone that saith Lord, Lord shall get to heaven. Be

ye doers of the word and not hearers only.

But the test of sincerity in the passage of scripture that we started out with is the response to Paul's appeal for an offering. Don't fly the track here: for this is the test. It is not the only test of the genuineness of our religion, but it is a test. One test may be enough. You don't need a dozen, if you fail at one. Read it again. Paul is asking for an offering, and he says, "I am not speaking by way of commandment (It must not be done under the compulsion of human authority), but as proving by the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love."

We have heard brethren in the Amen corner very loud in their commendation of a speaker who professes absolute faith in everything in the Bible from cover to cover, who shut up like a clam when the time for the collection came. They are nothing but noisy hypocrites. No sort of profession of faith in God's word can save a man from insincerity, it rather convicts him, if he does not follow the word of the Lord as to giving.

We heard a man make a great speech on missions a few years ago at an association. His voice trembled and his body shook with emotion. The tears stood in his eyes, for he seemed deeply moved. But when the church letters were read it was revealed that his church had not given a red cent to missions in twelve months.

It ought not to be overlooked that Paul says this is a test of sincerity of our love. Love is the one controlling Christian motive. Peter was recommissioned when he said three times that he loved Jesus. Only when the love of Christ constraineth us can we be truly ambassadors on behalf of Christ. It is love that puts the true ring in the trumpet which proclaims the name of Jesus. If this is lacking we are nothing, and it profiteth us nothing. Probably a girl knows when a young man is protesting his love for her whether he is lying or not. And if you want to know whether a man loves God and loves souls or not, you might examine the church treasurer's book.

There is one phrase in this scripture passage that we had better not over-look: "by the earnestness of others." Our giving should not be determined primarily by that of others. But comparisons are sometimes enlightening. And they are scriptural. Paul says, "We make known to you the grace of God which hath been given in the churches of Macedonia, how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded into the riches of their liberality. We should not be limited in our giving by the way others give; but we should be stimulated to give by their example. The fact that others are giving, the fact that they are giving sacrificially and joyfully will show us that it can be done, and whether we are really doing what we can; whether or not we are sincere in saying that we can't, or that we have done our duty. We ourselves need to know whether we are sincere or not.

### A WOMAN WHO WAS "A SINNER"

It was in such general terms that the woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in the dining hall of the Pharisee is described. Thus delicately is the nature of her offense pointed out by Luke in his gospel. Of course she is not to be confused with Mary whose anointing of Jesus later at Bethany is recorded by Mark and John. This woman had committed the gravest offense against social conventions and was apt to bring into disrepute anyone who permitted her in his company.

While a good deal of freedom was allowed on occasions of public dinings like this, it is probable that only her distress of soul and earnest desire for deliverance forced her into this group in the Pharisee's home, where Jesus was a guest. Already the Master and the twelve had made the rounds of Gallilee, preaching and healing; and he had shown his love for the sinful outcasts. Emboldened by his attitude toward those consid-

ered beyond redemption and impelled by the agony of her soul under conviction for sin, she comes among those who spurned her, to cast herself at the feet of Jesus.

He was the only one who had ever really shown any kindly interest in such as she was. Sore from the bruises caused by the tongues of others, despised by the man or men who had been the cause of her sin and shame, grieved at her own sin which had whipped her as with the sting of scorpions, her soul now seeks and finds solace in one who can love a lost sinner; who proclaims that he came to seek and save just such as she is.

This was her opportunity and so she brings an alabaster cruse of ointment, her best, perhaps her all, to express her gratitude for his attitude toward her and her kind. Before she could open the cruse the tears streamed from her eyes as she bent over his feet, and her disheveled hair was used to wipe them away. In her overflowing gratitude she kisses his feet tenderly and repeatedly, and pours the precious ointment upon them.

This was enough to make a scene, or move the heart of any but the hardest. Not so with this Pharisee host. He coolly looked on and drew his conclusions about Jesus. It did not dawn on him that any good man still less a prophet could be interested in a sinner or permit contact with a woman like this. No; Jesus could not be a prophet; that was settled. But Jesus showed him that he knew all that was in his mind. And, what is more, showed him that love to God was mightiest in those from whom the great load of sin had been lifted.

And here is the lesson for us and for all our generation. We are afflicted with a generation which knows nothing of the sinfulness of sin and the sovereign infinite mercy and grace of God in forgiveness. Our superficial conformity to social standards covers a hollowness and a rottenness that can be compared to nothing less than a whitened sepulchre, which outwardly appears fair but which hides uncleanness and dead men's bones. With us religion is either a matter of ceremonial regularity or a matter of intellectual interest. We are willing to show a measure of respect to religion by inviting it to our banqueting board and social meetings, but rather that we may put it under observation and examination of our critical apparatus to see whether we can acknowledge its claims as true or proclaim them as false. We are writing books and magazine articles now on our observations, even about the contact of religion with the social outcasts; all the way from Varieties of Religious Experience to the blasphemous announcements of Mercury and the American Association of Atheists.

All such detached observations are apt to lead to the conclusion, "This man is not a prophet." At its best it has no enthusiasms and will render no service. The only religion that brings tears or joy, which causes us to forget ourselves or render helpful service to others is the kind that results from a keen sense of sin in ourselves, a consciousness of the love of God in Jesus, of his forgiveness and redemption. Better a woman saved from the street than a Pharisee frozen in speculation and embalmed in self-righteousness.

The Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma quotes Dr. DeBlois as saying that the membership of English Baptist Churches has been declining for 25 years, and amounts to 23,000 for that period. What about it, Brother Burley?

Arrangements are being completed with the railroads and the usual schedule for cars will be announced within the next few days. All roads have agreed to carry the cars about Thanksgiving. Therefore, you may expect same to be managed as usual, for the Baptists Orphanage, Methodist Orphanage, Old Ladies' Home, and Old Men's Home.

—W. E. Thompson, Supt.



THE CHARM OF THE SOUTH-WIDE BUDGET  
FOR 1930

By Dr. L. R. Scarborough

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention approved, adopted and recommended to the state conventions and boards, to the preachers, and churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, a 1930 budget for the south wide causes of three million dollars, as follows: Foreign Missions \$1,500,000; Home Missions \$725,000; Relief and Annuity Board \$210,000; Educational Board \$100,000; Southern Seminary, \$100,000; Southwestern Seminary \$152,000; Baptist Bible Institute, \$110,000; The American Baptist Seminary \$12,000; The New Orleans Hospital \$75,000; The W. M. U. Training School \$16,000.

This budget is challenging and charming for the following reasons:

1. It comes with the hearty approval of the Executive Committee for the south wide causes after prayer and wide counsel concerning all the needs.

2. It is conservative; just a little under last year's achievements. It is feasible, possible, and can be reached.

3. It is constructive and shows an increase over last year. It looks forward and calls us, as Dr. Gambrel says, "To do right and go on."

4. It is appealing and has business sense to it in that it pays more than 35% on debts and interest.

5. It is constructively and essentially missionary in that \$2,225,000.00 goes direct to missions, and all the rest indirectly to missions in the training of and caring for missionary leaders, and in winning the lost to Christ.

6. It has a big, glorious part for education. The training of worthy leaders for all the causes. \$490,000 goes to maintain training camps for leaders of the right sort for churches and Kingdom work.

7. It cares for the sick in a great needy place and meets Christ's command, "Heal the sick."

8. It provides some help for our noble heroes, our aged preachers who fought and won the early battles of our causes for us and on whose shoulders we stand.

9. It enables all of our causes now overburdened to live, grow and achieve a great work.

10. It will greatly glorify Christ in encouraging our missionaries, in helping to fulfill our obligation to a lost world, and in building of Christ's militant Kingdom.

What shall we do with this budget?

I answer:

1. It is hoped that it will be adopted by all the state conventions and their boards as a basis for the division of south wide funds and as an objective for 1930 attainment. Since it comes with the endorsement of the Executive Committee representing the Southern Baptist Convention surely the state secretaries should follow it in the distribution of south wide funds.

2. It is hoped that the preachers and churches will approve it, put it in their budgets and organize and plan and pray that it may be raised. All of our people should be deeply moved by the challenge and charm of this great budget.

3. It ought to strengthen, help, and call to larger things all the state causes and bring in a better and bigger day for all the things we love.

4. All the agencies in the local churches, in the district associations, in the state conventions, and all the south wide interests should, it seems to me, get back of this budget and put it beyond the chance of failure.

We can win, and if we do, we will help everything dear to the heart of Southern Baptists around the world.

We are glad to have the Sunday School attendance at the churches reported each week in the Record. Send us a card. The B. Y. P. U.'s might do likewise. Brookhaven B. Y. P. U. reports 114 present last Sunday.

## THE SPIRIT THAT WILL WIN

I visited Prof. P. W. Berry, Supt. of the Junior College at Senatobia and insisted that he yield to the wish of the Baptist brotherhood of Miss. and accept the District Chairmanship of the Second District.

At first he did not see how he could find time to give to the work because of the many and pressing duties incident to his position as Supt. of the Northwest Mississippi Junior College, but after several days of prayerful consideration he wrote me the following letter:

"I have decided to tell you and my Baptist brethren that if my services are worth anything to the Baptists of Mississippi they are welcome to the same. I am writing to Dr. Lowrey that I am ready to do what I can. At the earliest possible moment I am sure it is best to have a conference with you.

I might also say that before making my decision I called together a number of members of our church and told them that I would not go out on the above mission unless the Senatobia church would cooperate with me; that I must have endorsement at home. I am glad to say that I was much encouraged with the response given. I feel sure the Baptists can count on this church."

When I read Prof. Berry's letter I said: that sort of a spirit will win.

It would all be over except the actual writing of checks if all Mississippi Baptists had the spirit of Prof. Berry and his church associates.

Neither Bro. Berry nor the Senatobia brethren know that I am giving publicity to the above letter.

—J. W. Lee.

Mr. E. Hilton Jackson, of Washington City, has a long article in The Religious Herald urging constitutional changes in the Southern Baptist Convention. To our mind this business is fraught with much danger unless it is handled most cautiously and wisely. This is apparent from the idea evident in Mr. Jackson's mind that the Southern Baptist Convention is composed of representatives of the various states as units after the manner of Presbyterians. For example, he says: "There should also be a provision embodied in the Constitution making requisite the submission at least a year in advance to the State Conventions or agencies any proposed constitutional changes." As a matter of fact the Southern Baptist Convention is not composed of State Conventions or any sort of state units, but of messengers to be elected by each local church or any Baptist body or individual contributing a certain sum of money to the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. We have been drifting toward Presbyterian methods of control for several years, and there is need of defining our Baptist polity, and sticking to it. Mr. Jackson is chairman of a committee on Constitutional changes appointed by the Convention last May in Memphis. He says the Committee will recommend to the next Convention the assembling of a Constitutional Convention or Commission with representatives from all the states present. It is too easy for a matter to be put through the Convention which is so hurried as to find no time for mature deliberation. This is a good thing to go slow about. So we had better do our talking beforehand.

Attention Treasurers:—If the quarterly payment for your church comes due this month please remit by return mail. Your prompt cooperation will be greatly appreciated by the Record office.

Charlie Butler, the popular evangelistic singer, fell from an open door in a railway train near Winter Haven, Fla., and died two hours later in a hospital. A few years ago in an early morning wreck near Memphis Mr. Butler quieted the hearts of the people by singing out of the darkness.

## EDUCATION APPEAL

Prayers for the success of the Mississippi Baptist Emergency Campaign to raise \$100,000 for the payment of pressing obligations by December 1, were offered in Baptist churches throughout the State on Sunday, October 27.

This Sunday of prayer was the beginning of a series of prayer days in behalf of this campaign, it was announced here by Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, General Director of the Program.

In church services, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., G. A., R. A., W. M. U., and prayer meetings and in private devotions all Baptists will be asked to pray for the success of this effort which means so much to the Baptists of Mississippi.

Plans also are being made for the appearance of speakers in many of the churches on Sunday, November 3, for the purpose of further stressing the importance and urgency of the situation confronting Mississippi Baptists, and to point out that this is a strictly Mississippi effort.

The state-wide organization that is being built up for the conduct of the campaign also is progressing well. Leading Baptists have accepted positions as chairmen and associate chairmen of the eight districts into which the state has been divided for organization purposes. These district chairmen and associates include:

H. R. Holcomb, Tupelo, J. D. Franks, Columbus—District 1; P. W. Berry, Senatobia, J. W. Lee, Batesville, District No. 2; E. M. Highsmith, Blue Mountain, District 2-A; J. W. Quinn, Mrs. L. F. Ferguson, Greenwood, W. M. Bostick, Clarksdale, R. A. Kimbrough, Charleston, C. S. Henderson, Greenville,—District No. 3; W. W. James, W. T. Lowrey, Newton, Mrs. Emma Armstrong, Louisville, G. O. Parker, Union—District No. 5; R. F. Bass, Mrs. E. N. Pack, Dr. E. H. Marriner, Hattiesburg, J. E. Byrd, Mt. Olive—District No. 6; J. W. Mayfield, McComb, H. M. Harris, Clinton—District No. 7; W. F. Bond, Miss Fannie Traylor, Jackson, Webb Brame, Yazoo City, M. P. L. Berry, Clinton—District No. 8.

Judge O. B. Taylor, Jackson, Chairman General Special Gifts Committee, announces the following as having accepted places on his committee to date: W. M. Whittington, Greenwood; G. M. McWilliams, Hattiesburg; Hugh Ray, Corinth; A. A. Graham, Blue Mountain; I. L. Toler, Gloster; J. L. Taylor, Gulfport; Leon Tyrone, Silver Creek; L. A. Whittington, Natchez; H. J. Ray, Grenada; S. C. Beaty, T. M. Hederman, Jackson.

## MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE HOME-COMING

The annual Home-coming Day for Mississippi College this year will be on November 15, which is the day after the closing of the Baptist State Convention in Canton.

An interesting program is being worked out and it is the hope of the College that many friends, old students and parents of boys now in the College will make a special effort to attend the exercises of the day. Heretofore Home-coming Day has been on Saturday, but this year it has been put on Friday to accommodate large numbers of people who can not come on Saturday and to also make it convenient for messengers to the State convention in Canton to attend.

The program for the day will begin about 9:30 in the morning and close with the football game in the afternoon with L. P. I. Lunch will be served for all who come. Large numbers of high school students always attend the exercises of this day and special invitations to them are being sent out.

The College likes for as many people of the state as possible to come and get better acquainted with the institution and the work being done here. It will be strictly a day for visitors and all parts of the College and buildings will be open for inspection.

—Robert Gandy.

Baptists of Fort Worth put on a campaign for \$100,000 for their hospital and went beyond this figure.



## A SERIOUS SITUATION

Eldridge B. Hatcher

This article raises the question as to whether New Testament Christianity is not steadily passing away from among Southern Baptists—and from other denominations also.

Last year that Home Mission Board tragedy threw our denomination into a sort of panic and sent our men and women rushing to Atlanta—almost pell mell—with blanched faces and horror-stricken spirits to consider what should be done. Surely such horror and activity were entirely proper. It showed that Southern Baptists could be aroused. But may I suggest that that Atlanta affair was a small surface-ripple compared with what seems to be the present spiritual collapse of our churches and our people. But who of us are hurrying anywhere to consider that dire calamity? And yet is not this collapse the towering, overshadowing matter now confronting us? Our financial and other denominational perplexities are merely symptoms. We may put out machineries in perfect condition, with everybody happy over it, and none criticizing, and may even raise huge sums for an overflowing treasury; but is not all that merely erecting a beautiful structure over a foundation that is crumbling?

Of what avail will it be to raise millions and send forth many missionaries if the heathen world is sneering at our type of christianity? We can not send them any better type than we have here. Dr. J. J. Cornelius, a professor of Philosophy, in the University of Lucknow, in India, and a convert to christianity, writes in Harper's magazine "the East has come to think of christianity as a part of the political game of the West." An oriental is reported as saying that "Christianity appears to the East as a failure."

"But," says the missionary "it has not been tried."

The oriental replies, "If it has not been tried in the West after its chance of nearly 2,000 years, then why try it on us now?"

Our beloved denomination in the South has struggled forward during recent years with many jolts and discouragements. Books could be written in praise of its many fine points, but it looks as if the twentieth century currents are becoming too strong for it. Instead of going forward it seems to be going backwards. I do not refer to its Convention's programs. They move in the realm of machinery and our fatal trouble lies not in that realm.

I trust that I, a mere worker in the ranks, am not presumptuous in making such statements about my denomination. These thoughts have been beating against the bars of my heart month by month and almost day by day. Shall I be considered a pessimist, or a knocker, because I speak of threatening evils? Shall one be expatiating on the fine points in the house when the flames are attacking it and many inmates within seem unconscious of the peril? At any rate, I can not hold back any longer. I am not counting on bringing about a change, but I find relief in expressing my convictions.

What shall be discussed at our various state conventions? Money? Machinery? Yes, but shall we overlook that root of all our failures—our spiritual apathy and deadness.

The nation-wide forces of evil are rising like a flood against our American civilization. Dr. W. H. Cullom, in an article last week in the Western Recorder quotes President Hoover as saying with reference to the present crime wave, "It is not to be accounted for as a wave merely rolling from some outside sea. It is something so widespread that it may indicate a subsidence of the foundation."

Christianity is America's only hope. But I fear that the lackadaisical christianity practiced by protestant America today will never drive back the flood. Many think that our christianity is giving way under it. Dean H. R. Sheppard, in his remarkable book, "The Impatience of a Par-

son" says that the churches of the present day "can by no stretch of the imagination be thought of as anything but caricatures of what he (Christ) desired."

Look within our own Southern Baptist ranks. Our denomination is almost crushed under its debts. Our missionary receipts are steadily falling and in a list (published in the Literary Digest) of per capita gifts to all causes by twenty five denominations in America, southern Baptists are put at the very bottom of the list. And yet we head the entire list in the matter of boasting of our orthodoxy. I am wondering if our beliefs in our doctrines lie too largely on our lips. In two of our states, during the past six months, the Baptist mission boards have been reported as being on the edge of bankruptcy—one of them as being in that condition now. Christ's world pram, as handled by us, is dragging in the dust and—what is the darkest fact of all—southern Baptists, as a whole, seem but little concerned about it.

Visit our churches in the different states and, while you will find many noble exceptions, in the case of individuals and of churches, yet do you not find that our churches, as a whole, are far from being the spiritual dynamos which Christ designed them to be? Do not the services of our churches—not everywhere, but in many cases—seen largely but a repetition of certain weekly forms. There is singing, and scripture reading (single and responsive), and leading in prayer and choir anthems and collections and announcements and speeches—almost everything except the pentecostal power. In how many churches is the visitor at a service made to feel profoundly "God is in this place now and this fact is the chief fact in the thoughts of this people now as they are absorbed in worshipping Him."

And then as to the daily life of the church members. There ought to be a vast difference between their daily behavior and that of the non-church members. But is it so? Our pastors report that considerable portion of their membership are "dead timber." New members slip multitudinously into many of our churches, almost unobserved. The outside world does not seem to have a high respect for the church. I know that the best in our civilization today comes from our churches and rests upon them and when the churches fall our civilization will fall, and it almost looks as if both are even now falling.

I do not say that Southern Baptists are becoming less and less religious. They may be busier in their organization work than ever before, but it looks as if real christianity, in many cases, is giving place to a sort of religiosity which operates in external strenuities. We are keeping up forms with diminishing power within. We have vast machineries whirling wheels, but we seem to care but little about the daily living of our people. In many places the idea seems to be that the members may live as they please if they will only keep the wheels turning. Heart religion does not seem to hold the center of the stage in the Southern Baptist program. Building up the church often means simply building up the organization machineries. Compare our daily lives with the activities of the spirit-filled Christians of the New Testament days.

Organization in church work is necessary. This article is in no sense an attack on organization, but in church work there is often a tendency to over-emphasize it to the neglect of genuine spirituality. Truly does Bishop Charles Fiske say, in an article in Harper's magazine, "To regain its prestige the church must return to the conviction that it exists as a spiritual center of influence, a moral dynamic. Everything that weakens its spirituality lessens its real power."

American Christianity seems to be fighting for its life. It is besieged on all sides by infidelity, materialism, formalism, lawlessness, etc., and christianity seems comparatively helpless. What is our religion doing now for our American home life and political life and business life?

There is a feeling in the air that seems to say, "Oh, well, why bother? Anything will do—any doctrine, any church, any religion, or no religion, any manner of living provided it is decent. In this rushing age take things easy." That feeling is ever permeating our churches. Dr. W. R. Cullom, in the article referred to above, tells of a professor in a Theological Seminary who when asked by his host to ask the blessing at meal replied, "Oh, I don't know anything about that." A little straw showing the direction of a current.

The seeds of infidelity are being wafted into our midst by many winds. Christianity is being reduced to the purely naturalistic basis and the waves of infidelity are beating at the doors of our homes, our churches and schools, and multitudes in our denomination would probably be startled if they knew to what extent our own people are being infected. "The machine age has swept traditional religion aside as totally irrelevant to the scheme of things," says Prof. J. H. Randall, Jr., of Columbia University, and that sentiment is being bruited about throughout our country. It is getting in the air—and also on the air. More and more our people are being challenged to decide between holding on to their so-called traditional gospel beliefs, or casting them away. The battle lines are drawn and we need to catch anew the spirit of the great apostle. Paul, who gloried in "the faith" and kept it to the end, and died in the glad hope of the resurrection.

What can be done? We have fallen away from that close contact, or communion with God which is the only fountain head of real christian living, "Apart from me—cut off from me like a branch cut off from the vine—" says Christ "ye can do nothing" and we seem to be approaching that zero point. Oh, we are doing a world of religious things, but how much of it all does Christ brand as "nothing"?

Shall we meet and discuss everything except this crisis that is on us? Dean H. R. Sheppard says, "As I see things it is a close race now between christianity and catastrophe." Can Southern Baptists come to the rescue? The call cannot be answered by any convention resolutions. Where is the local church that will present to the world a new and rich expression of our Saviour's religion. Where are the individual hearts in which shall burst forth a new devotion, a new Christ-likeness? We must stop thinking of Baptist progress in terms of denominational rearrangements or forward movements. It is in humble, penitent hearts of Baptists here and there and yonder that the fires are first to break forth and the blessed conflagration begin.

## A MARVELOUS RECORD

The Baptists-of Mississippi are a debt-paying people. There is no record, so far as we know, of a single default on any obligation ever issued by any Baptist church or any denominational agency in this state. The pledged word of the Baptist State Convention has ever been as good as the best security the market affords.

There are several reasons why the Baptists of this state will take peculiar pleasure and pride in bringing into the Lord's treasury the \$100,000 needed at this time to promptly meet our maturing obligations and to redeem the promises we have made our creditors.

In the first place, the financig which created these obligations has been exceedingly profitable to the State Convention. From a purely financial standpoint, no business can show a more alluring or fascinating story. \$250,000.00 of bonds were issued for Mississippi College, and this amount was invested in bonds for the endowment of the college. We still have the \$250,000.00. When the Convention made this gift to the College it was the inducing cause for the General Education Board to make a gift of \$125,000,000 more to the College Endowment. From the \$250,000.00 bond issue the Convention, which owns the College,



now has a total of \$375,000.00 invested in bonds and securities for the endowment.

\$100,000.00 of bonds were issued for the Woman's College, and \$100,000.00 of bonds were issued for Blue Mountain College. This \$200,000.00 was not lost, however. Every dollar of it was invested in bonds and securities for the endowment of these colleges which are owned by the Convention. But, before the Convention would issue these bonds, what was required of the colleges? Each one was required to go out into the field, and by munificent gifts from Mr. B. B. Jones and a very large number of other people, each one of these colleges raised \$200,000.00 additional, a total of \$400,000.00, all of which is still in existence in the form of endowment, and since the colleges are owned by the Convention, this is also the property of the Convention. In other words, the Convention has issued bonds for the three colleges in the sum of \$450,000.00. This \$450,000.00 is invested in endowment securities for the colleges and is the property of the Convention. To this amount we must add the \$125,000.00 given by the General Education Board and the \$400,000.00 raised by the colleges, and we have a grand total of \$975,000.00 of money invested in the best securities, and owned by the Convention, at an expenditure of only \$400,000.00. What private business has been able to take \$400,000.00 and increase it to \$975,000.00 in such a short space of time?

Should it not give the Baptists of Mississippi great pleasure to pay a debt where the money has brought such large returns?

In the second place, by creating these obligations the Baptists of Mississippi have been able to save their Colleges. Under the present order, without standard colleges we would be unable to meet the competition which is upon us. Baptists believe in Christian education. They believe that the best is none too good for their sons and daughters. They will not stand for a condition to exist which would result in those who patronize their institutions being discriminated against. Through no other means, and only by and because these obligations were created, were the Baptists of Mississippi able to standardize their colleges. It would have taken years—the result might never have been reached—to have secured three Standard A-1 Colleges and one Standard Junior College. By creating the debt, a part of which we are now called upon to pay the State Convention met an emergency. It immediately made available Standard Colleges for all our boys and girls. The benefits from this we are now enjoying. Our colleges do not consist of empty halls. Twelve hundred or more of the finest young men and women in America are daily receiving training under distinctively Christian influences.

Should not every Baptist thrill with pride as he places his contribution in the Lord's Treasury to provide for this emergency, when he can now see what it is meaning to those who just a little later must bear the torches as they fall from our hands.

Yours for Victory,

—O. B. Taylor.

There were seventy-one additions to the First Baptist Church, of Talladega, Ala. in a recent meeting in which Pastor J. M. Thomas was assisted by Pastor J. P. Boone, of Tuscaloosa, Ala. P. Shaffer Rowland, of Newnan, Ga., led the singing.

"The Challenge" is a monthly paper published in Washington City, of recent origin with the avowed purpose to fight the Methodists and nominate Al Smith for President in 1932.

Dr. J. E. Dean earnestly asks the Associational Clerks to send him a copy of their minutes this year as soon as they are published. They are wanted for permanent record in the library of the Baptist Bible Institute. His address is 1220 Washington Ave., New Orleans, La.

## Stewardship Department

By G. C. Hodge, Director of Stewardship and Budget

"Every member of every church contributing every week to every cause, in proportion to his ability"

### WHY SO MANY PEOPLE ARE UNFAITHFUL IN STEWARDSHIP

#### I. MANY PEOPLE ARE UNFAITHFUL IN THEIR STEWARDSHIP BECAUSE THE DEVIL HAS LED THEM TO ACCEPT A COMPROMISE.

(Continued from last week)

God wants His people today to come out from the world and serve and worship Him (2 Cor. 6:17). The Devil does not want God's people to separate themselves from the world to serve Jehovah, and to prevent them from doing so, he is using the same methods that he used during the days of Moses.

##### (1) He, when possible, keeps people from worshipping God.

He tries to lead people to become so deeply interested in worldly affairs, and so busy, that they will not think about worshipping God. When he fails in this, he tries to lead them to doubt God's Word; to believe they are good enough and therefore do not need a Saviour, or that God is too good to punish them for their sins. When he cannot succeed in doing this, he tries to make them believe they are too sinful to be saved. When he sees that they are determined to worship and obey God, then he tries to prevent their doing so by offering a compromise.

##### (2) He tries to lead them to believe that they can be as good out of the church as they can in the church.

He says to people today as he said to Moses: If you are determined to worship God, then worship him "in the land". God says, "Come ye out from among them and be ye separate" (2 Cor. 6:17). The Devil says, "There is no need of breaking with the world. Worship God if you must, but don't join the church: don't take a definite stand for God".

When the Devil sees that he cannot keep people from joining the church, he offers the second compromise. He says:

##### (3) "Join the church but don't go very far away:

Join the church, but don't give up your worldly companions, or your worldly forms of amusements, or your worldly social life: Join the church, but continue living as you lived before joining the church". The Devil knows that if he can keep people from joining the church, or from living a "separate" life, they will be slothful stewards and unable to worship God acceptably. To those who will not accept this compromise, he offers another. He says:

##### (4) "Go, worship God, but leave your little ones behind".

The children of today, will be the men and women of tomorrow. If, therefore, the children of today are not led to worship God, the fathers, mothers and children of tomorrow will be in subjection to the Devil. If the work of God's Kingdom is financed tomorrow, it will be financed by those who are children today. The Devil knows this and is doing his best to lead us to neglect the little ones. To those who will not accept this compromise, he says:

##### (5) "Go, worship God with your old and with your young, but leave your possessions behind".

A man may attend church regularly with every member of his family, but if he invests all his possessions in worldly things, it will be next to impossible for him to worship God acceptably: he will become more interested in worldly things than in spiritual things, and will ultimately cease attending church regularly, if not altogether. "Where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also". The Devil knows this, and is doing his best to prevent God's people from investing their

possessions in Kingdom work. Every child of God should recognize this and say with Moses: We will accept no compromises. We will worship God with our young, with our old, and with our possessions, not one thing will we leave behind for the service of the Devil. If we do this, God will go with us as really and as truly as he went with the Children of Israel (Matt. 28:19,20).

#### II. MANY PEOPLE ARE UNFAITHFUL IN STEWARDSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE SERVANTS OF THE DEVIL.

Suppose you had a number of servants and among them was one who, instead of coming to you and asking what you wanted him to do, should, without any regard to you and your plans, spend the major part of his time looking after his own personal affairs? Suppose he should go anywhere and do anything he wanted to do at any time, even though he knew that you were displeased with his conduct? Suppose you should try to talk to him, but he would turn away and refuse to hear you, or if he heard you, would disregard your instructions and continue in his disobedience? Suppose you should write him a letter of instructions, but he would refuse to read it? Suppose he should refuse to do anything for you except when he felt that he was compelled to, and then did it reluctantly and complained of the work being a burden? Suppose you should learn that while he would not receive instructions from you, he would go to your enemy for instructions, and that he was daily serving and obeying him and appeared to be happy in his work? Suppose you should make him manager of one of your farms, or of one of your stores, and that you should tell him to operate it according to your plans, and, if necessary, to keep nine-tenths of the increase for the support of himself and family? Then suppose when you returned a year later you should find that he had rejected your plans and principles and had adopted the plans and principles of your enemy, and when you asked for your tenth of the increase he should say a tenth was too much for you, or should say he had not kept books, and, therefore, could not settle with you?

If you had such a man as the one described above among your servants you would doubtless discharge him in less than a day's time and deny him the privilege of eating your bread. Yet there are among God's servants many such people.

There are among God's servants many people who never go to Him in prayer and ask what He wants them to do, but without any regard for Him and His plans and programs they spend the major part of their time with their own personal interests. They go anywhere they want to go, do anything they want to do on Sunday or any other day, even though they know that their conduct is displeasing to God. God speaks to them, but they will not hear, or if they hear they will not heed His messages, but go right on in their disobedience. He has written them a letter of instructions, the Bible, but they will not read it. They refuse to do any kind of religious work except when they feel that if they do not do it, they will suffer loss, and then they do it reluctantly, and complain about the Lord's work being a burden. While they will not receive instructions from God or do His work, they are daily serving and obeying the Devil and are apparently happy in his work. God has entrusted them with the management of possessions, but they have rejected His plans and principles, adopted the plans and principles of the Devil, and are running their business after the fashion of the world.

(To be continued)



## W. M. U.

### Watchword

"Holding Forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16).

Missionary Topic for the Month of November—  
"Our Unchanged Task in a Changing World."

### 1930 W. M. U. Monthly Missionary Topics

January, "Foundation Stones."

February, "The Homeland, Our Heritage."

March, "Beyond the City."

April, "Around the World in 85 Years."

May, "Christianity Answering Today's Needs."

June, "How Help the Negro."

July, "Leading Many to Righteousness."

August, "Notable Native Christians."

September, "In Union There is Strength."

October, "Your State and Mine."

November, "A New Day in an Old World."

December, "They Followed the Star."

### In Foreign Fields

In foreign fields the flowers grow

Between the graves, row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The birds still bravely singing, fly,

Scarce heard amidst the din below.

We are the dead. Short days ago

We lived, and worked and burdens bore,

Which ne'er were lifted. Now we lie

In foreign fields.

Take up our labors here below,

To you from falling hands we throw

The torch—be yours to hold it high—

If ye break faith with us who die—

How shall the Master's Kingdom grow

In foreign fields?

—Jessie Ruth Ford.

### That State Mission Offering

Several sisters seem concerned about the State Mission offering from their local society. As one expressed it, "We misunderstood, somehow, and took up our offering on the Sunday appointed by the Sunday School, and gave it then—through the Sunday School."

We can correct this in the office by looking at your report cards. However this will not correspond to the Offering mentioned in Dr. Gunter's report; because the bookkeeper must credit each item under its proper heading. Since the fund all goes to State Missions, let us not worry; and do better next time.

### Our Foreign Mission Week of Prayer Program

In one short month our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions will be here. The literature will reach each organization in plenty time to order the leaflets from Headquarters, and to give out the program assignments.

But, Beloved, there are two phases of the Work pertaining to this Program that need our earnest consideration beforehand. Indeed I trust that we have all through the year considered them.

The first one is continued prayer, daily, hourly for our Foreign Mission Work and our Missionaries. Of course we remember some of them daily as we give ourselves to the nine o'clock prayer hour, and con over the names and the Scripture given in our Calendar. But cannot we be still more earnest in prayer? Read on this page the list of names—those who have gone out recently as a result of our Weeks of Prayer. Every name there, and the unwritten names of those who were already on the fields, and of those still waiting to go, should have a strong appeal to each of us.

The second phase refers to gifts. How I should like to emphasize this, until every woman of us would realize its importance.

There are several eminent matters before us today. We must be faithful to our Emergency

Call from the Convention. "We are all members of ONE body". This debt is as much our debt as it is the brethren's. Then we dare not neglect our Co-Operative Program. I say dare not, in face of the fact that already we are falling behind. We must make every effort to catch up.

But, Sisters, I know that it is possible for each of us to tuck away weekly in an envelope or box a sum, be it large or small, that will grow into an offering for that Foreign Mission Week of Prayer. Let us begin RIGHT NOW. Your Secretary hereby covenants with you to do this. I think our Master will say, "That is a beautiful thing which she has done".

Friends all over the state will read with interest the letter from Mrs. McCormick which has just come in. Another call for prayer, dear Friends. Certainly we will remember specially Dr. and Mrs. MacLean.

### Letter From The McCormicks

Near Canary Islands,  
Oct. 3, 1929.

Dear Miss Lackey:

It is almost a month since we left Mississippi and we still have about 10 days on the water. We are now the closest we have yet been to the coast and even on board are feeling the African climate.

You will be sorry to learn that Dr. and Mrs. MacLean met us in England. They had to leave on account of his health. You know they are the Missionaries with whom we work at Iwo, and we had looked forward to at least nine months with them on the field, but the state of his health became so critical that the doctors advised them to leave immediately and with deep concern for the work they had to close up or rather leave the station in charge of the native workers, instead of waiting to turn it over to us as they would have desired to do. So we face a rather difficult task. It would have been quite a large job had we been there a few months to have gotten into the work but of course one rather has to find his way now.

We are so grieved about Doctor's health, they are not young, have already had more than 20 years in Africa, and those were years of most efficient and unselfish service and they are so willing to give their all. They still see so much that they can do, in fact it is just now that they are able to see some fruits of their labors and the possibilities in this large Mohammedan town which they have opened up are unlimited. We are praying that they may be enabled to return. Doctor's health improved during the two weeks voyage to England and he was under the care of Doctors there, so we hope he may soon recover. They will go to Canada as soon as the Doctors think advisable and take their regular furlough, returning then if possible. Their faith is beautiful. It is such an inspiration to see how they can discern the hand of God even under such circumstances.

We are very much in love with our new nurse who is traveling with us and are so happy that this need is to be met.

I am not sure the last report I gave you of the good works of our Mississippi friends. They have certainly been lovely to us and we want to thank you and ask that you express to them our appreciation of their love and interest.

We are eager to arrive now and take up the work which is almost at a standstill.

With kindest personal regards to you—and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

—Mary R. McCormick.

### From House Beautiful

334 E. Broadway  
Louisville, Ky.  
Oct. 11, 1929.

My Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Each day since school has been in full swing I have promised myself to write "that day."

Our new year has begun with promises of such a happy, spiritual and profitable session. We have simply fallen in love with our Juniors, now each one is beginning to stand out. As for Frances, everything that everybody said is true; her music pupils feel they will love her and have expressed their faith in her knowledge of music.

Today was our first Missionary Day. We enjoyed the Mississippi Group meeting and received much inspiration from the General Assembly.

There are two new additions to the Training School of which we are quite proud. The first is a W. M. U. room, in this room we keep our posters, W. M. U. books and material. It means we have a "workshop" for our W. M. U. Course. The second is "The Lottie Moon Prayer Room," this is a room to be furnished partly by some of Miss Moon's personal possessions and to be used as a devotional room when any girl is especially burdened. The girls feel that these two changes will mean we can do more effective work in every way.

The second year is already proving more than my highest hopes, how marvelous that such an opportunity is offered to girls. May God grant me useful service in Mississippi just to show you dear "Mothers" how much I appreciate this blessing.

Your Senior House Beautiful daughter,  
—Ruth Watkins,  
Clinton, Miss.

### THE WORK IN SUNFLOWER COUNTY

#### Names and Stations of the 40 Missionaries Returned to Their Fields by the 1927 Offering

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Abernathy—Tsinan, China.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Allen—Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Bouldin—Fukuoka, Japan.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Bowdler—Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Bryan (\$800)—Hwanghsien, China.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Clarke—Tokyo, Japan.

Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree—Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Miss Elma Elam—Lagos, Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes—Parahyba, Brazil.

Dr. Mary L. King—Pochow, China.

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. McMillan—Soochow, China.

Rev. and Mrs. John Mein (\$800)—Maceio, Brazil.

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Nelson (\$800)—Manaus, Brazil.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Pruitt—Hwanghsien, China.

Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Rankin—Canton, China.

Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Ray—Hiroshima, Japan.

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Sadler—Ogbomoso, Africa.

Rev. W. H. Tipton—Shanghai, China.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Westbrook—Shanghai, China.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Wiley—Shanghai, China.

Mrs. J. J. Cowser—Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Hawkins—Buenos Aires, Argentina.

#### Missionaries Returned in Anticipation of the Success of the 1929 Lottie Moon Offering

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McCormick, Iwo, Africa (Traveling Expenses Only).

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Bagby, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Stover, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Cecil Moore, Concepcion, Chile.

Mrs. W. E. Sallee, Kaifeng, China.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. McDaniel, Soochow, China.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Williams, Shanghai, China.

Miss Florence Lide, Hwanghsien, China.

Mrs. L. W. Pierce, Yangchow, China.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jacob, Laichowfu, China.

Miss Edna Eeal, Yangchow, China.

Mrs. Earl Parker, Pingtu, China.

Mr. Earl Parker, Pingtu, China (Traveling Expenses Only).

Miss Loonera Scarlett, Kong Moon, China.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, Canton, China.

Mrs. W. H. Tipton, Shanghai, China.

Miss Effie Baker, Fukuoka, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Branch, Monterey, Mexico.



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## East Mississippi Department

By R. L. Breland

### Daniel's Prayer

In the 9th chapter of Daniel we find the most remarkable prayer followed by a most remarkable answer, immediately. Daniel in Babylon was praying for the forgiveness and restoration of Israel. The prophecy was out that Jerusalem should be rebuilt after seventy years. Sixty-nine of these years had passed and Daniel was anxiously waiting for the end of the captivity. As he waited he prayed.

By studying this most remarkable prayer of Daniel we will see in it three distinct parts: Confession, Adoration and Supplication. He and Israel had sinned and he was begging that they may be forgiven and He would "turn thine anger from Jerusalem"; also that He would "shine upon the sanctuary"—the temple. He closes in these significant words: "O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hearken and do; defer not for thine own sake, O my God! For Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name."

The answer to Daniel's prayer was immediate. While he was yet praying the angel Gabriel touched him and said: "At the beginning of thy supplication the commandment went forth, and I come to tell thee." Then follows the most clear and exact prophecy of the coming of the "Messiah the Prince", alluding to the coming of Christ. The angel then tells when Messiah shall come: "Know, therefore, and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks; and three score and two weeks; the streets shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. . . . He shall confirm the covenant."

Allowing that one week is seven years, the time from the command the restoration of Jerusalem to the coming of the Messiah is 49 years plus 483 years and then one year, or seven years, for Christ is to be on earth in active ministry, gives

490 years from the command to rebuild Jerusalem to the conclusion of the work of the Messiah as prophesied in this marvelous answer to Daniel's prayer. According to Dr. Carroll, the decree of Cyrus for the rebuilding of Jerusalem was given B. C. 457 and says: "For the reasons already given, this author accepts . . . the date B. C. 457 as the beginning point of the 490 years, and that the coming of the Messiah refers to his public entrance upon his Messianic office, which occurred at his baptism."

But I am not thinking so much about the prophecy and its termination just here, but want to specially emphasize the fact that God answered his servant immediately and definitely when he prayed. This He always does. God has never yet failed to answer the prayer of His weakest saint. He will do it today, and does do it, just as surely as He did in the days of Daniel and the other prophets. Sinners are growing worse and worse and church members are getting more and more indifferent. The only help is in God, and the only way to get the help is to ask for it—pray. But our people are careless and thoughtless even about the matter of praying. How many members of your church attend your mid-week prayer services? If the number who attend the usual prayer-meeting that I have had opportunity to observe recently is any measure as to the number of people who are praying these days, the number praying is desperately small. What will the outcome of present conditions be! Not captivity and exile I hope.

### Notes and Comments

On my way back from Neshoba County last week I had the pleasant privilege of stopping over one night in Sallis and preach for Pastor Roberts in the new Baptist Church building there. It is a splendid building, completed since Bro. Roberts has been pastor there and is well constructed for service. The church spoke well of the splendid work of Pastor Roberts.

It was my joy while in Sallis to spend the night with my good friends whom I once knew back in Neshoba County, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Nicholson. They are doing a good work now as faithful members of Sallis Church. They were once members of Linwood Baptist Church, Neshoba County.

At our Bible Study meeting at Grenada last week we studied John 6, 7, and 8. It was a really pleasant and helpful study. The following brethren took part in the discussions: Elders E. R. Henderson, W. E. Farr, E. S. Flynt, J. M. Spikes, R. L. Breland and Burns. Remember this body meets at Grenada each Monday following the third Sunday at 10 a.m. Next study will be John 9, 10, and 11.

The Intermediate B. Y. P. U. of Coffeeville Baptist Church has put on the little pageant, "Wedding Bells", at three different places re-

cently: Coffeeville, Oakland and Seuna Valley. Mrs. R. L. Breland sponsored the play and accompanied the players to the several places.

From a letter written by Rev. Clyde L. Breland, pastor of First Baptist Church of Richmond, Ky., the following is taken: "Our revival begins next Sunday (Oct. 27) and will continue for ten or twelve days. Dr. Yates will come over Sunday. The people are praying for a real revival. There are more than 100 prospects in our Sunday School alone, and I am endeavoring to awaken the conscience of our folks on their responsibility."

The Baptists of Seuna Valley Consolidated School, Yalobusha County, met recently and voted to organize a Baptist Church at that place. Some 50 have expressed a willingness to go into such an organization. They have agreed to meet the third Sunday night in November to organize. This is just another one of those conditions which has come about because of the consolidation of schools. Others have and others will follow this sooner or later.

At this writing Rev. W. W. Kyzar of Philadelphia is doing the preaching in the revival meeting at Water Valley, Rev. J. M. Metts, pastor. Bro. A. A. Walker, Jr, leads the singing

### Death of Mrs. M. A. Carmichael

She was born in Alabama on Feb. 13, 1832. Her maiden name was Wilson. She was the widow of Dugal M. T. Carmichael. She was the mother of nine children, all of whom preceded her to the grave except two daughters and one son: Mesdames Mary M. Hulet and J. B. Quinnally, both of Meridian; and the son, J. J. M. Carmichael of Crandall.

She leaves a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, besides a large number of other relatives to mourn her departure. She was a member of Center Ridge Baptist Church for over fifty years. She passed away at the home of her son near Manasse Church, on Oct. 24, 1929, from the infirmities of old age, as she was in her 97th year.

She was buried at Andrew's Chapel, in the village of Carmichael, on October 25, 1929, in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and sympathetic neighbors and friends. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Phillips, assisted by Revs. Moore and Jackson of the M. E. Church. How true it is that—

"E'en down to old age My people shall prove,  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangable love,  
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne."

—J. M. Phillips,  
Shubuta, Miss.

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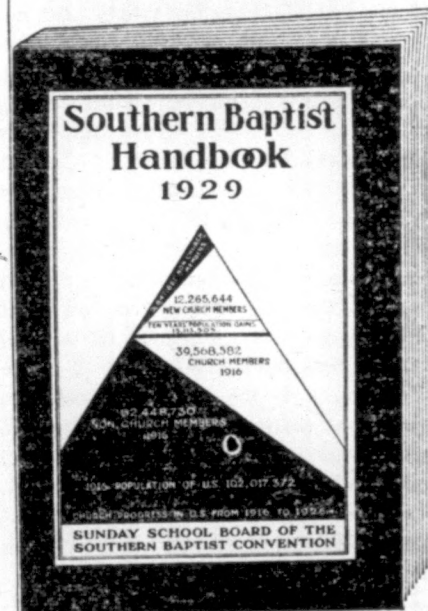


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## The Sunday School Department

### Sunday School Lesson

Nov. 3, 1929

**RESPECT FOR RIGHTFUL AUTHORITY.** Mark 12:13-17; Rom. 13:1-7; I Pet. 2:13-16.

**GOLDEN TEXT...** Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers. Rom. 13:1.

(World's Temperance Sunday)

(From Points for Emphasis by H. C. Moore).

1. **Jesus the Perfect World Citizen** commanded rightful respect of authority in his discussion of the poll tax due to Caesar the Roman ruler of the Hebrew world. (1) The questioners were two conflicting parties: the Pharisees who chafed under the Roman yoke, and the Herodians who were truculent partisans of Rome—bad citizens, all of them. They united against Jesus. Their evident purpose was to entangle him so as to get a charge sufficient to place him in the hands of the Roman authorities. (2) The question breathed a wrong civic spirit. It opened with words designed as the baldest of faltery, rang with a condescending tone, and sought triumphantly to place Jesus in a political dilemma. He saw and scored their hypocrisy. But he did more. (3) The answer was a two-edged sword, one edge cleaving in twain the net that was spread, and the other cleaving open a knotty public problem. First, he made his inquisitors bring a Roman coin and confess that their currency bore the stamp of Caesar. Having thus bared the vulnerable point, he thrust in the blade of truth. Pharisees and Herodians alike wincing under it. Render to Caesar what belongs to him. Render to God what belongs to him. That is, be a good citizen of the kingdom of heaven. We ought to be loyal to both the commonwealth and the Kingdom. No bad citizen is a good Christian and no good Christian is a bad citizen. (4) The victory of Jesus was complete. His amazed adversaries slunk away. And no wonder!

2. **Paul the Greatest Roman Citizen** included respect for rightful authority in his message concerning the Christian and his country. Government is of divine origin, being not only permitted but planned of God. Not every government measures up to the divine plan and requires patriotism, and duty to God involves duty to our country. Certain imperatives follow: (1) **Be in subjection to the higher powers.** The power of all in the body politic is superior to the power of the individual. So each person must subordinate himself to the commonwealth. That means that he must be law-abiding, government-supporting, public-spirited. Resistance to constituted authority which is ordained of God and fulfilling its high destiny is not only wrong and wicked but disastrous to him who disregards and defies the government. The parasitical socialist and the destructive anarchist, the one sapping and the other

supplanting the civic power, are the enemies of God and country and deserve the condemnation of the laws they despise. (2) **Do that which is good.** The citizen who does right has nothing to fear in any well-regulated government. On the contrary public officials will gladly recognize his worth and work; for they would rather speak the word of praise to a good citizen than wield the sword of vengeance against a bad citizen. They know that conscience may require passive resistance to wicked legislation, but even then the citizen who obeys the voice of God rather than men may be the truest of patriots and a devoted lover of his country. (3) **Render to all their dues.** For one thing, the payment of taxes is a duty which no one should attempt to evade. The good citizen will conform to the legal requirements which are necessary to keep the machinery of civilization running smoothly. And certainly he will award due fear and honor to those who merit them in positions of responsibility. If we do not respect our own country, we need not expect others to do so. We ought, therefore, to have proper regard for those in authority, for law and order, and for good government.

3. **Peter, A Model Jewish and Christian Citizen** made respect for rightful authority fundamental in the conduct of the good citizen of the commonwealth and the kingdom. (1) Think of the good citizen and the Lord. What he does is "for the Lord's sake." He undertakes to make the will of God the rule of his life. He is himself a bondservant of God and thus bound to serve the Supreme Ruler of all nations. (2) Think of the citizen and the law. He is law-abiding. He submits to every ordinance governing the body politic. He cheerfully complies with all regulations designed for the commonwealth. (3) Think of the citizen and the leaders. Those in positions of responsibility are entitled to respect, support and cooperation. Those to whom Peter wrote were to honor the emperor of the universal empire of Rome. They were to give due honor to the provincial governors and to all government officers down the line. (4) Think of the citizen and the people. There are evil doers who must be punished and segregated from society. There are many in public and private life who do well who ought to be encouraged and upheld. There are foolish men whose ignorance is appalling and must be corrected. (5) Think of the good citizen and his liberties. He is entitled to freedom and ought to enjoy it as guaranteed him by his government. But he ought not to use his freedom as a pretext for evil designs upon his fellow men. No good citizen will do as many mean things as possible within the law. As a bond-servant of God he will perform the acts of righteousness which should feature every true man's life.

(6) Think of the citizen and his civic attitudes. He ought to honor all men, having proper respect for the race. He ought to love the brotherhood and thus fulfill the law. He ought to fear God who is the arbiter of nations and individuals. He ought to honor the king or whoever occupies the highest seat of power in his government.

### MEETING IN PASS CHRISTIAN

Last Friday night we closed here in Pass Christian one of the best meetings I was ever in. For fourteen days I preached and Bill Nason led the singing. I am sure that neither one of us ever did better work in our lives. Bill Nason is the best choir director and soloist I have ever seen at work. He was a great blessing to us and we thank God for him. The attendance was good from the beginning of the meeting and never lagged one day but grew to the end. The attendance exceeded our fondest hopes. I have never seen a better interest nor felt a better spirit in any meeting I have ever attended. It was our first revival meeting in our new church building. Our greatest task was to unify the church and build up the morals of the people. This was accomplished in a great way. No effort was made to get people to join the church. The gospel was preached and the way made plain and the people were given to understand that if they joined our church they would be expected to give up sin and worldliness and live righteous lives. It was made plain to them that if they joined our church it must mean more than just joining the church. It was a time of reconsecration on the part of the church members and they responded

in a great way. Every soul saved here is a great victory. Seven came for baptism and the meeting closed with the people wanting the meeting to go on. We had just reached the harvest time. But we had planned to move over to Bay St. Louis. Everybody felt that we were just ready for a great meeting. The whole congregation pledged an aggressive effort right on. This is a great field. How I wish you could have been here. How I wish our Baptist people could know the need of this great mission field. Our greatest need in Pass Christian is full time work. If I could be here every Sunday I could preach to a packed house every Sunday. Our beautiful new church would soon be too small. It is almost that now. We have had twenty-nine additions since the first of the year.

We are now in the midst of our meeting at Bay St. Louis. H. L. Martin is with me and is preaching as only H. L. Martin can preach. The attendance and interest is growing. There are many difficulties connected with this work but we are not discouraged. Pray for us here where the need is so great.

—W. S. Allen.

Rufus was proudly sporting a new shirt when a friend asked, "How many yards do it take to make a shirt like dat one, Rufus?"

"Well, suh," replied Rufus, "Ah got two shirts like this out'n one yard last night."

"De truth ain't allus easy to git at," said Uncle Eben. "A man kin sometimes say sumpin' in half a minute dat he can't explain in five years."—Christian Observer.

## Here's one granddaughter who takes advice from elders

### Schoolgirl learns simple health measure

WITH all the talk there is nowadays about the independence of the sub-deb generation, your reporter got a great kick out of hearing a grandmother describe how her granddaughter was following a good old tried and true method of improving her general health.

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### Lee to Address Students

From Memphis comes Dr. R. G. Lee to speak before the B. S. U. Convention which meets November 8-10. Dr. Lee is quite famous as a preacher and speaker and especially noted for his interest in young people. He is author of a number of books and one of these especially was meant for young people, "Lord I Believe". Dr. Lee speaks on the subject, "Conquering the Campus With The Changeless Christ". If you get nothing else out of the convention except the contact with this servant of God, then you will be paid amply for your trip to Hattiesburg.

### Pray For the Other Conventions

The following states have held conventions to date: Oklahoma, New Mexico, Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee. The others come as follows: November 1-3, Arkansas, Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Texas. November 8-10, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Carolina. November 15-17, Georgia. November 22-24, Kentucky, and Florida. May we remember the students in these states as they assemble in their conventions.

The old saying there is nothing new on the face of the earth will be slightly in error the week of our convention if it can be applied to events. For the first time in history M. S. C. W. has taken the limit off the number of girls and as many as desire will be allowed to attend the convention at Hattiesburg Nov. 8-10. Two bus loads are assured and reports state that there will be many more if they can get there no other way but fly.

The delegation from Mississippi College will at least number forty. A great many boys who have shown no evident desire to participate in B. S. U. work on the campus have become interested in the campus-talk about the convention and are making plans to attend. Hillman, considering the size of her student body, has an extra large delegation to send. Every body will be there, no doubt about that.

Aside from the out-of-state speakers this year, student speakers from all the senior colleges in the state are on the program and every visitor will have the consolation of knowing that he knows personally at least one man on the program.

### B. S. U. Notes

The B. S. U. Council is indeed glad to welcome its new members, Miss Mary Caffey, Blue Mountain, the town representative, and Miss Miriam Daffin, Bunkie, La., the Freshman representative.

The Baptist Student Campaign is over! Miss Virginia Kinsey, First Vice-President of the B. S. U. Council, had charge. A captain was ap-

pointed for each floor and told to go to work. The captain in the Ray building secured the largest number of subscriptions. A Hallowe'en party will be given the girls who won. In all there were 102 subscriptions.

At Noonday Prayer Meeting this week helpful messages have been given by Mrs. I. L. Toler, Gloster, Miss., and Rev. C. M. Daffin, Bunkie, La. Our earnest desire is that their visits to the campus will be more frequent.

As the result of the talks made by the treasurers of the Sunday School classes, many of the girls have pledged to give to the Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church through the budget system.

"Individual Responsibility" was the subject for the Life Service Band's bimonthly meeting on Sunday, Oct. 20. Miss Sibyl Brame gave a talk on "The Individual's Responsibility", and Miss Emma Mae McCawley discussed "The Way I Can Be of Service to My Friends and Community".

Brunettie Mai McMahan.

### Mississippi College

#### Report of Noon Day Prayer Meeting

The ultimate purpose of the Noon Day Prayer Meeting is to get the students of our school to understand the importance of a consecrated life, and to get them to set aside a few minutes each day for Bible study and prayer. In order to stress the importance of Bible study, the leaders of the organization thought it wise to devote four days each week to a special study of some New Testament writing. The book of Romans was selected and the study has been made impressive as well as inspirational. The outline found in the American Commentary has been used as a guide and has proved to enlighten many passages in this great Book. We have also enjoyed making a character study of Paul as is revealed in his letter to the Church at Rome. Great was his character, and unimpeachable was his moral integrity.

Two days each week are given to some special speaker. Either a student, faculty member, or some other religious leader is asked to speak on some subject that he thinks will be of special interest to those attending the meeting. Many very interesting talks have been made; others are to follow soon.

The average attendance is about twenty-five.

Unusual interest has been shown by those who attend the Noon Day Prayer Meeting regularly. Due to the Fair and other attractions last week, a slight decrease in attendance was shown; but a great increase in spirituality and devotion has been manifested.

May we ask that you join us in a

special prayer for the perpetuation of the leadership of the Holy Spirit, which is now evident in the hearts of all those who attend the meetings.  
James Sullivan.

### M. W. C. B. Y. P. U. Training Camp

On the nights of October 21st and October 22nd from 6:30 to 7:30 a training camp was held by the B. Y. P. U. general director, Aleene Harris. This training camp was to do what the name signifies, train. The officers were expected to be present and also all those members who were interested in B. Y. P. U. work. The vice-presidents and their committee were taught by Fay Hamil led the quiz leaders, Lois Evans the group captains, Agnes Louise Cutrer the secretaries, May Deethridge the corresponding secretaries and the social committee, and Rev. Spencer the choristers and pianists. The training camp was well attended, and it was thorough in its purpose. After two nights spent in this way one may be sure that the duties of the officers are going to be filled in a more beneficial way than they were before.

About six miles from Hattiesburg in a community which is without a pastor has been organized a Sunday School. This organization was the first of five girls' labors. They began with an enrollment of fifty, and it is hoped that the number will increase as well as the interest. These five girls have resolved to block the back door of the Sunday School so that none of the members may escape. These girls were members of the Y. W. A. at Mississippi Woman's College, and they fulfilled one of the missions of the school.

### B. S. U. of M. W. C. Welcome Dr. Spillman

Those of us on the campus of M. W. C. who have not been fortunate enough to go to Ridgecrest, where the stars do shine and the ivy twines etc., or to meet Dr. Spillman elsewhere had the privilege of not only meeting him, but of hearing him, also, Saturday night and Sunday morning various were the adjectives used to describe him. He certainly made a hit with the ladies, and his flying visit was enjoyed very much indeed.

It would be trite to say, "welcome to the State Baptist Student Convention," but we don't mind being trite when it comes from an earnest heart, maybe it's O. K., anyway we mean it!

### Resolutions of the Lynchburg Baptist Ministers' Conference Regarding Hebrew-Christian Meetings

Whereas, During the week of September 22-27, 1929, the Baptist Churches of Lynchburg cooperated in a Jewish-Christian meeting sponsored by the W. M. U.'s of the city and led by Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, and

Whereas, The meetings held in Lynchburg were of such help and inspiration to Christians and were of such a fine type and handled in such a tactful way as the Gospel was

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presented to the Jews of the City, and

Whereas, The attendance upon and interest in these meetings increased steadily throughout the week and there was an overwhelming vote of approval the last night at the suggestion that a similar meeting of this nature be held in our city again next year, therefore,

Be it resolved, That we, the Baptist Ministers of Lynchburg, Virginia, do hereby express our deep appreciation to Brother Gartenhaus and his two co-laborers, Brethren Henry Singer and Elias Newman, for their helpful ministry with us, and

Be it further resolved, That we hereby declare our confidence in, and love for, Brother Jacob Gartenhaus in his sacrificial efforts to win the Jews of the Southland to the Messiah. We have found him a man of zeal and consecration who is most cooperative in spirit and patient under difficulties. Our prayers will follow him in the great work and we bespeak for him the confidence and loyal support of our Southern Baptist brotherhood.

Signed:

T. Claggett Skinner,  
T. Sloane Guy,  
Edward B. Willingham,  
Committee.

### THE QUICKEST WAY

Do you want to get on your feet? What is the quickest way to do it? Some one has answered: "The quickest way to get on your feet is to get on your knees."

And some one else has added that "The best way to stay on your feet is to stay on your knees!"

In other words, the life of power must be the life of prayer.—Kind Words.

Tommy did not want to go to bed. "Just see, Tommy," said mother, "the little chickens go to roost at sunset."

"Yes," replied Tommy, "but the old hen goes up first."

Lead your children to Sunday School and church. They will go more easily now, and the habit will stay with them in after life. Such is the power of parental example.—First Baptist Bulletin, Glendale, Calif.

Helen annoyed her father evening after evening with questions after he had settled down to read. One evening, after seemingly endless questions, she asked: "Papa, what do you do at the store all day?"

Exasperated at her persistence, he answered briefly, "Oh, nothing!"

Helen was silent for a moment, and then she asked, "But how do you know when you are done?"



## The Children's Circle

Mrs. P. I. Lipsey

### Bible Study: Mark 9:14-29

What a great blessing a good doctor is! Jesus was the Great Physician, with power of God and man, and never was He called upon to heal a more distressing sickness. As the Lord and His three great friends, Peter, James and John, came down the hill upon whose top He had been glorified in what we call the Transfiguration, they saw the other disciples and a great crowd of people. Something in the Lord's appearance moved the people to wonder, perhaps some of the exceeding brightness He wore on the mountain-top, and they ran to meet Him. When He asked what they were talking of, a man from the crowd spoke and told of the pitiful case of his son. The boy was possessed of a dumb spirit, which, would seize him and throw him down in a spasm, causing him to foam at the mouth and grind his teeth. He seemed to be wasting away, and the father had asked the nine disciples who had been left at the hill's foot as Jesus went up with the three, to heal his boy, but they could not. Jesus is greatly distressed at the suffering boy in the midst of His own disciples, unable to help because their faith was weak and the scribes, His enemies, not wanting to help but finding fault, and watching for a chance to entrap Jesus. With the Great Physician, however, there is no failure and He tells them to bring the sick boy to Him. As he comes, the evil spirit takes its last chance to torment him, throwing him on the ground in a last convulsion, and Jesus asks the agonized father how long his child has suffered thus, His own heart bleeding, "From childhood," says the father, "and many a time has this wicked spirit tried to kill him by throwing him into fire or water. If you can do anything, help us, have pity on us." But Jesus tells him that it lies with him, the father, for all things are possible to one who had strong faith in God. At once the father cried out, "I have that faith, but where I am weak, give Thy help!" No longer did Jesus delay to help the poor boy, but commanded the spirit to come out from him, never to go back. At once it came out, after convulsing the child and almost taking his life. But Jesus did not leave his miracle incomplete. He took the hands of the corpse-like boy, and raised him up, bringing new life to him, and him to a new life. We do not know what the rejoicing father said, but perhaps we can have some idea of it, if we imagine that it was your father, and that you had been given back to him after dangerous illness.

### My Dear Children:

How do you like the cold weather? This morning, it felt just like winter here, and we had a new furnace to try out, and it is a very interesting thing to do. I always like the cold weather best of all, but I'm fond of a good fire, too.

I wonder if some of you would like to do a pleasant thing for one of our members who is sick, and has to be in bed all the time? You will notice among our letters this week one from him, Donald Keith, who lives a few miles from Clinton: he is 10 years old, and maybe you know how long the day is when you are in bed all the time. If you could send him a nice boy's book, or a cut-up picture puzzle, or anything that he could work with with his hands, I think he would like it very much. His address is: Donald Keith, Route 2, Raymond, Miss. Or a letter from you would give him pleasure. See if you can't find some little thing that would interest him.

So glad we have more letters this time. Our Page is so much more attractive when we have a number of letters from you.

Much love from

—Mrs. Lipsey

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Hazelhurst, Miss. Oct. 12, 1929.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey & Circle Readers:

I wrote once and had the pleasure of seeing my letter in print. The letters have been scarce of late altho the Page has been good. I search it every week for a letter from Miss Gladys. I do enjoy the Children's letters, especially those telling about helping mother. My Dear mother has been dead nearly two years and I still miss her so much. Well I will answer Mrs. Lipsey's questions: I think it was Moses that God appeared to as a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day. Am I right or not? And the second one is this: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Now, dear readers, let us all read and study these little lessons more. Well I will close wishing one and all happiness and success.—The same old-bachelor girl,

—Leta Mae Lupo.

We are picking up on letters this week, you see, Miss Leta Mae. If they will increase still more, I won't have to write such long ones, will I?

Always glad to hear from you.

Raymond, Miss. R 2—Oct. 15.

Dearest Mrs. Lipsey and Children:

I'd like to write you again and tell you how I am. If I do have to stay in bed I do not suffer in any way, so that's something to be thankful for, isn't it? I suppose I shall be at Sanatorium soon now. I want to thank Mrs. Johnson and my S. S. Class for the nice book they made for me. I had such a pleasant surprise today, I received a lovely book from a Jr. S. S. Class at Morton, Miss. Mrs. Rochester is their teacher and she wrote me a nice letter too. Their class is the "Ever-ready Class." I receive so many nice things in mail and otherwise. I have a big collie dog who has been so faithful to me. She stays by my cot when I'm out in sunshine and begins to look for me on it before I'm put in sunshine in the early mornings,

Love to all,

—Donald Keith.

P. S.—We send 25c for B. B. I. girl. It's fine, Donald, that you have these kind friends who want to help you pass away pleasantly your hours in bed. I have a niece who was sick at Sanatorium, and is now quite well.

Raymond, Miss. Oct. 15.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I suppose you thought I would never write you again, but I have been thinking I would a long time. I read the letters every week and enjoy them very much.

My little brother wrote you a week or two ago I think he told you of his troubles. He is about the same. He will soon be ten years old. I can't realize that he is getting to be that old, because he has always been just a baby all his life. Our school has been going on about five weeks, I am in the seventh grade. I like it very much. I like my teacher too. I am twelve years old

Love from,

—Frances Keith.

I am glad to hear from you again, Frances. I remember, when you wrote with your class of girls, and sent a gift. Come again. I hope Donald will soon be better.

Macon, Miss. Oct. 18, 1929.

Mrs. P. I. Lipsey,

Clinton, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

We want to tell you how much we enjoy The Children's Circle.

We have a nice little band of Sunbeams and we are interested in the B. B. I. girl and are sending 10c to be used for her.

We observed the week of prayer program and did our bit for State Mission by sending an offering for state work.

Wishing you success in your work,

Sincerely,

Macon Sunbeam Band,

Mrs. Maynard Hunter, Ldr.

You have a mighty good way of showing your interest, dear children, in sending for our B. B. I. girl this good gift. This is one eighteenth of what we have to get up for her. Thank you. I'm glad to hear of the week of prayer, and your offering.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I'm sending you some pennies which I have saved as a birthday offering to the orphans. I have a little bank and instead of spending all my pennies I saved some for the children who are not blessed with having a Daddy and Mother as I have. I am eleven years old today. I've had my name in the Record twice, once in a Helpers Club, when we sent \$1.00 and my S. S. Class sent \$3.00. So I hope to see this in print, too.

Enclosed find money order for \$1.80.

—Marjory Snowden,

P. O. Box 88,

Meridian, Miss.

This is a nice present you made to the orphans on your birthday, Marjorie. I hope you received some,

too. A happy year to you, and thank you.

Beldon, Miss. Oct. 15th.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Will you let a little six year old girl join your Circle? I will start to school this year. Our school will begin next month and I will be glad.

For pets, I have a cat, a pig, a calf, and a dog named Beulah: She is real smart. Enclosed you will find 10 cents for the orphans.

Your little friend,

—Jewell Douglas Goggans.

Anyone who has a cat, a pig, a calf and a smart dog named Beulah never does get lonesome, does she, Jewell? I hope you will enjoy going to school. Thank you for the money.

Brooksville, Miss. Oct. 17.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

This is the first time the Brooksville Sunbeams have written you but we read all the letters now and want to help the B. B. I. girl.

We are sending you one dollar (\$1.00).

And if you'll forgive our negligence we will write again and send send more next time. We have (21) twenty one enrolled now and are working on our Sunbonnet Baby Standard of Excellence Chart. We hope to be Standard soon.

Yours truly,

—Marjorie Pearl Slawson,

Secretary.

—Mrs. Palmer, Leader.

Hurrah for the Brooksville Sunbeams! We are so much obliged that you remembered us. I wish I could see your Sunbonnet Babies. Come again, soon.

Silver Creek, Miss. Oct. 14.

Mrs. P. I. Lipsey,

Clinton, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey and Circle readers:

I have come to join the Children's Circle. I am a little girl most six years of age. Have dark hair and brown eyes.

I have a little brother who very nearly has Hosea Locke's birthday, only there are quite a few years between.

Little brother will be three years old Nov. 15th.

My two older brothers, J. W. and Edward wrote to the page in the Summer. We go to school every day to Silver Creek. I am a beginner. My teacher is Mrs. Nelson. I love her very much.

Mrs. Lipsey, I shall try to answer the questions.—Numbers 14, 13-14—God appeared as a pillar of fire by night, and of Cloud by day, to "Moses and the Egyptians."

And according to Proverbs, 3, 19, The Lord, by wisdom, hath founded the earth, by understanding hath He established the Heavens.

I am enclosing \$1.00 for Miss Gladys. Hope we can get the other half of the scholarship soon.

I want to send something to the orphans soon.

Mother has been on bed a year now. We think she has improved some. May she have the prayers of all the Circle readers that she may be restored to good health again?

With love and good wishes to you Mrs. Lipsey, and all the Circle readers

Your little friend,

—Verla Benson.

This is a nice letter, little Verla, that you have written us, and a good gift you send. Thank you for both. I remember when J. W. and Edward wrote and sent some money for Miss Gladys. You must help to wait on dear Mother, and let her rest a heap, and I trust she will soon be well. Will not everyone who reads this pray for her restoration?

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# B. Y. P. U. Department

"We Study That We May Serve"

AUBER J. WILDS, General Secretary  
Oxford, Mississippi

## This First Paragraph

Starting right is worth everything to a person starting out in life regardless of what his life work is to be. The right start in religion is of more importance than the right start in anything else however, and making the start right as a B. Y. P. U. member means that you are going to practice the B. Y. P. U. spirit of "Unselfishness," do your best in whatever place you are elected to, serve with zeal on whatever group you are placed and when on program not be satisfied to do less than a satisfactory job. It takes two minutes to render a part on program and do it justice.

## A New One For Bissell

We are always delighted to be able to report a newly organized B. Y. P. U., and therefore, take pleasure to here announce the newly organized B. Y. P. U. of the Bissell church. This church is in Lee County, and Miss Lillie Belle Snipes has been elected president. We are indebted to Miss Snipes for the report of the organization. She writes that they start off well organized and ask for copy of standard of excellence and tracts for officers.

## Tunica-Cohoma County Associational B. Y. P. U. Has Interesting Session.

We are indebted to Mrs. F. Q. Crockett of Tunica for a report of the Tunica-Cohoma Co. Associational B. Y. P. U. The meeting was held with the church at Lyon. A splendid crowd was in attendance and an interesting program rendered. The program was as follows.

THEME: "CHURCH LOYALTY"

Song—Loyalty to Christ.

Song—More Like the Master.

Business session.

Devotional—Led by Rev. F. Q. Crockett.

Song—Give of your Best to the Master.

Play—Facing the Facts.

Talk—Enlisting our Young Members in Church Attendance—Rev. W. M. Bostick.

Choruses—"First Southern B. Y. P. U. Convention."

Talk—Benefit of B. Y. P. U. Socials to the church—Rev. W. L. Howse.

Special Music—Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hickman.

Awarding of Banner—The Banner was awarded to the Lyon B. Y. P. U. The Banner is an attendance banner and awarded to the union having the largest percentage of its members present. Lyon, the host church had 89% of its members present. Tunica came second with a grade of 83%. Tunica drove forty miles to the meeting and just reached home in time to go right to the church for their own B. Y. P. U. meeting.

## Our Honor Roll For Third Quarter

The following organizations were A-1 for the Third Quarter. There were a number of others that missed it just by a small point, for instance several were A-1 except for not having all the officers read a written report at the regular Quarterly Business Meeting.

General Organizations—Davis Memorial, Jackson.

Adults—Oxford; Beaumont.

Senior—Segrest and Straight Eight, Davis Memorial Jackson; Bethune, Griffith Memorial Jackson; Hugh, Calvary Jackson; Toomsaba; Mountain Creek, Rankin Co.; Charleston.

Intermediate—Norfield; Tunica; Eudora, De Soto Co.; 41st Ave. Meridian; Gregory, Davis Memorial Jackson; No. 1 and 2 Beaumont; Goodman.

Junior—Pascagoula; Tunica; Eudora, De Soto Co.; Kosciusko; Norfield; Baldwin; First Gulfport; Mountain Creek, Rankin Co.; Beaumont; First Grenada; Carthage; Zion Hill, Forrest Co.; Clinton; No. 2 First Vicksburg; Willing Workers, Oxford; Davis Memorial Jackson.

## They Are Asking Questions

Here come the questions about the Southwide B. Y. P. U. Conference to be held in Memphis December 31-January 2. We are glad to get these questions and always glad to answer them. If there is any part of the conference you do not altogether understand, ask us about it. We have had questions regarding the rates, entertainment, nature of program etc. Suffice it to say that this is going to be a wonderfully helpful meeting to all who can go. Did you note the list of speakers? Here are some of them: Dr. Geo. W. Truett; Dr. Wm. Russell Owen, Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. Walter Binns, Dr. W. F. Powell, Dr. I. J. Van Ness, Dr. Ullin Leavell, Dr. Marshall Craig.

Your expense to the conference will be your railroad fare, your board while there and one dollar registration fee. You can get a room at the hotel as low as \$1.50 a day (meals extra). You can get entertainment in Memphis homes for \$1.50 a day for lodging and breakfast. Railroad fare will be one and a half fare round trip if you have a certificate when you buy your ticket. GET THE CERTIFICATE FROM B. Y. P. U. DEPARTMENT, BOX 520, JACKSON, MISS.

## Lexington Elects New Officers

The Lexington Senior B. Y. P. U. recently elected officers for their next six months term, those elected as follows: President, Miss Gladys Tate; Vice Pres., Miss Gladys Drennan; Secretary, Miss Connie Gles-ton; Cor. Sec'y., Miss Annie Alvis Hathcock; Treasurer, Miss Sue Drennan, B. L., Clifton Tate; Chorister, Robert White; Pianist, Miss Clara Lucus; Group Captains, Marion Mc-

Lellan and Miss Elma Heffner. We are sure with this splendid line up this union is going to do splendid work during the coming months. They write for a copy of the Standard of Excellence which shows that they mean to be an A-1 B. Y. P. U.

## SOME IMPRESSIONS FROM THE MEETING AT CLINTON

The recent meeting at Clinton was such a happy experience for me that I should like to record some impressions that were made upon me during my visit there. Here they are:

(1) That the church is ministering to the needs of the two schools and the town in a large way. Dr. B. H. Lovelace is the man for the place, as all who go there fully realize. He is scholarly and Biblical in his preaching, and thorough and consecrated in his pastoral ministry. A college town pastorate is always a difficult one, but he is the master of his situation in every sense, and his noble church is thoroughly loyal to him in all of the work. Dr. Lovelace does a fine work in making a determined effort to line up all the students in a definite and challenging affiliation with the church. He meets with fine success for every year he has large numbers in the two student bodies to join the church. Mississippi Baptists are fortunate in having this man of God there to be deeply interested in the spiritual welfare of their boys and girls.

(2) That the church is enthusiastically interested in the students and the schools. I could not find any trace of a dividing line between town people and college people. There is a great spirit of unity and religious zeal evident in all the life of the church.

(3) That there is a cordial hospitality in both schools and the town and the church that is genuine and spontaneous. I stayed in the guest room in the gymnasium on the Mississippi College campus and took many meals in the college dining room, and I want to say that I have never been more comfortably or more royally entertained. I had the privilege of close contact with the men on the campus, and many of them came into my room to talk over their experiences in the Christian life. The meals in the dining room were always delicious and bountiful. I also had several meals in the dining room at Hillman, and they were like home meals. Several afternoons I talked with the girls in small groups on the campus, and they were rich experiences of spiritual fellowship. They asked many questions concerning the Christian life that indicated that they are deeply concerned to live as Christ wants them to live.

(4) Finally, that there is a spirit of deep concern on the part of Christian students and teachers for the welfare of the unsaved students. There was some great personal work done during the meeting by both faculty members and students, and there was a concerted and mighty effort in prayer that bore an abundant harvest.

There were about 115 additions to

the church, about 75 who pledged themselves to begin and continue daily Bible study and prayer, and 101 who fully surrendered their lives (in the Sunday morning service) to Christ for definite Christian service. All in all it was an occasion of sweet Christian fellowship.

—H. W. Tribble.

1. No pastor who has ever had one Daily Vacation Bible School, will allow a single year to pass without having another.
2. It brings the pastor in close touch with this younger bunch in a way he can't get from any other angle.
3. The need of the hour is for every pastor to get in close touch with his young folks, and allow his young folks to get in close touch with their pastor. Here is an opportunity.
4. Personally I must confess it is the best two weeks, the most enjoyable and I think the most profitable of my year's work.  
Our young folks have elected me every year to tell the Character Story, and I know I "get more of a kick" out of it, than my Junior Congregation.
5. As far as this pastor is concerned Calvary Church, shall never go a year without one.

Fraternally yours,

—H. M. King.

## IF I HAD ONE YEAR TO LIVE

I'd make it the most profitable year of service that I ever spent.

I'd be kind and considerate of every one.

I'd get busy trying to enlist others in all good works.

I'd not think much about making money, but would bend my efforts to work for the Kingdom.

I'd not spend much for gasoline, cigars, etc., but instead I'd spend a lot for missions.

I'd make my will and dispose judiciously of all my earthly possessions.

I'd sign a pledge to my church for at least a tenth of my income—perhaps more.

I'd have an entirely different viewpoint on life and living.

I'd not be afraid of death.

I'd value time as I had never valued it before.

I'd remember with regret the fine opportunities for service I had passed by thoughtlessly.

I'd be ashamed that I had not done more for the Christ who died in my place.

I expect I'd get out the Bible and dust it off and read some of God's precious promises contained therein and not depend altogether on the preacher to tell me about them.

"Why did you break your engagement with that school teacher?"

"I didn't show up one night, and she wanted me to bring a written excuse signed by my mother."

"How much better off we'd be if they'd put that sign on the mailbox!"

"What sign?"

"Post no bills."—Town Topics.



The following testimonials are from pastors and workers that conducted Daily Vacation Bible Schools in their churches during the summer just closed. We give them so that others may see what they think of work of this kind.

"This is by far the largest school out of the four that this church has had. The average attendance is wonderful. The workers and children are very enthusiastic about the work. I believe this one will be the best ever held in the church."

W. E. Hellen, Pastor  
West Laurel Baptist Church.

"The Daily Vacation Bible School enlisted almost all of our Young People in the town and community. They came early with smiling faces and with a mind ready to work. It proved to be as an oasis for the neighborhood. The last night of the school was an exhibition of skill and ability of much that had been accomplished, and even now the children are asking if we will have another next year."

W. R. Cooper, Pastor  
Drew Baptist Church.

"This is our second and best D. V. B. S. The interest grew from the beginning, and because of this school we reached more fathers and mothers than would have been possible without it. There is no part of our work so helpful to the pastor as the D. V. B. S. in that it brings pastor, parents, children, and teachers together as nothing else does. We would not consider doing without the D. V. B. S. Pastor, workers, parents and children are looking forward for the best D. V. B. S. in 1930. The D. V. B. S. will remedy many little hindrances."

J. W. Fagan, Pastor.  
Second Ave. Bap. Church, Laurel.

"My main difficulty was, not enough time with the faculty in training and outlining the work, and another one was, finance. Patience and economy were used to advantage in these two difficulties. The singing and the memory work, and the handwork, were the most successful features of the school."

The boys and girls almost cried because we had to close when we did. I was on a vacation, the reason it was put on then. The church was made a place of joy and happiness, the children were made happy and contented and also learned something worthwhile, the homes were brought closer to the church, also the radiant happiness the children spread around the homes and the community was brought closer together by the children of the community coming together and meeting other children. All in all, there is no substitute for the children in the summer time like the D. V. B. S. I am for it whole heartedly and prayerfully."

Sincerely yours,  
—Garland McInnis,  
Principal D.V.B.S. Immanuel  
Church, Hattiesburg.

"Our school this year was a perfect joy. I think this year's work was

far superior to that of last year. The things that count can never be put down on paper. The work of my intermediate girls in the primary and beginner departments was the outstanding thing to me. Their training in this way is far more practical and developing than the work in an intermediate department would have been. By interesting them in this work we can always have trained workers to do the D. V. B. S. work. It develops dependability, which I am convinced is one of the prime virtues essential for successful church work. It develops originality and discovers talents as no other work in the field of religious education.

The music in the Junior department was a great joy and a great success this year due to the fact that I was able to secure a splendid teacher of music in the public schools to do this work. I mention this because we are finding the need in our church life of an appreciation of good church music and of the development of chorus choirs from the primaries up.

The spirit of the school was excellent. I am so encouraged that I am already looking forward to the school next year."

—Caroline Cochran,  
Education Director.  
First Bap. Church, Meridian.

"Our school furnished a much needed opportunity for some real constructive teaching and training. In some instances we reached children who were seldom in Sunday School. Of almost equal value was the close and vital contacts made with both children and parents. I consider the school very constructive and helpful. Our boys and girls are outspoken in their desire for the work another year."

—R. D. Pearson,  
Pastor.  
Macon Baptist Church.

"The enrollment of our Daily Vacation Bible School was about 150. Mrs. W. T. Dart was the very efficient director. A satisfactory faculty graciously served. The interest was real and sustained to the end. Experts spoke on various practical phases of life. Values consisted mainly in wholesome employment, some degree of Biblical and practical knowledge gained. Direct and immediate spiritual results were not noticeable."

—E. F. Wright,  
Pastor.  
West Point Baptist Church.

"Interest has been better than we expected and the morale among pupils and teachers has been fine. We are happy in the work; the people of the town are thrilled, and enthusiasm is running high."

—N. G. Hickman,  
Pastor.  
Sardis Baptist Church.

"I am happy to say that our school was literally a 'howling success' in every respect. It surpassed our fondest anticipations."

—B. H. Lovelace,  
Pastor.  
Clinton Baptist Church.

"Our school this year is a great improvement over that of last year as you would note from a comparison of reports. The D. V. B. S. work is rapidly becoming a permanent part of our program here. Had we the facilities we could put on a sure enough Vacation School, but like many churches, especially small churches in large towns, we are greatly handicapped in that respect."

—R. B. Patterson,  
Pastor.  
Davis Memorial Baptist Church,  
Jackson.

"Our main difficulty was the fact that we had but one piano and that was in the main church auditorium, however, we managed that by arranging the music periods at different times. The most successful feature of our school was the handwork. We were fortunate to have two very splendid handwork teachers, and they got much good work done in basketry, notebook making, cut-outs, etc. Our Bible study in the Intermediate Department and Bible Memory work in all Departments was also excellent. It is difficult to estimate the value of the school, but as for the church, it opened a new vision of service which may be rendered, and demonstrated the fact that the church house need not stay closed during the week. Many parents who were somewhat aloof at the opening of our school, have come to me and have assured me that I would have their hearty support next year. Many parents of other denominations have thanked me for what we did for their children. Our school has been a decided success, and we have already decided to make it an annual affair in our church."

—A. M. Overton,  
Pastor.  
Baldwyn Baptist Church.

"This church has conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School each year for the past four years, and everybody seems thoroughly committed to the idea. Our school this year ran three weeks and did most excellent work under the capable leadership of Miss Ruth Jones, assisted by Misses Katherine Rawls and Eleanor Chandler, and a sufficient number of other capable helpers. I was delighted with the spirit and results of the school. It was a real pleasure to find so many consecrated and efficient workers who were willing to sacrifice the time and effort to make the school a success, and the spirit of earnestness, eagerness and determination to do a high grade of work displayed by the pupils was a source of abiding delight. The interest manifested and the character of work done abundantly justify the effort and expense of the Daily Vacation School."

—A. F. Crittendon,  
Pastor.  
Brookhaven Baptist Church.

"This is my sixth school. As you will see from final reports it was the best I have had. I trained the faculty well before the school opened. I taught the Guide and book on

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## ✻ In Memoriam ✻

### MRS. MERIDETH MENDER

The First Baptist Church of Vicksburg bows in submission to God's will, as the silent hand of death removed from our midst one of our dearly beloved members, Mrs. Merideth Menger, and translated her to her heavenly reward. Our hearts overflow with sorrow as we think of our departed friend.

We feel so keenly the loss of the sweet fellowship of Mrs. Menger, whose whole life was one of devotion to duty, to God and home. She gave of her time, and talents willingly and unsparingly, and her influence has been felt by all. We thank the Heavenly Father for having given her to us for a while and wish to offer the following resolutions:

FIRST: That we realize our loss is her gain, as she has gone to her eternal rest.

SECOND: That our church and all of its auxiliaries has lost one of its most useful, tireless and consecrated laborers for the cause it represents, and that the noble deeds wrought by her, as well as her Christ-like influence will for time yet to come, remain as a guide and inspiration to those following her in the great work in which she played such a wonderful part.

THIRD: That we extend to the bereaved family our deepest sympathy.

BE IT FURTHER resolved that we send a Bible woman to the foreign field in her memory, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to The Baptist Record for publication and a copy be given a place in our minutes.

Respectfully Submitted.

Mrs. C. W. Thigpen.  
Mrs. W. F. Hancock.  
Mrs. Walter Horn.  
Committee.

### MRS. L. G. GATES

Laurel halted Thursday morning; halted and stood with bowed head as the bier of a Christian wife and mother was lowered into the earth to its final resting place. The thousands who stood bereaved within the gates of Laurel's City of Departed Spirits looked with sad faces and moist eyes as the human temple which had been ennobled by the soul of Mrs. L. G. Gates disappeared forevermore, wrapped in the arms of the earth which has received all bodies, those of the strong and mighty, those of the great and wise, as well as their humbler brethren.

As each of these bodies had found room at the breast of its nature mother, the spirit which dwelt within has left behind some monument of itself. Rulers have left kingdoms, warriors have left conquests, artists have left noble reminders of themselves. When the Ptolemies of ancient Egypt died, behind them stood the mighty pyramids, token of their power. Behind him Raphael left inspired paintings. Beethoven built his monument of sweet music. All the great have set up lofty



shrines to be looked upon with reverence by their brothers.

No less a monument than these has been left behind her by Laurel's departed Christian wife and mother. True, there are no giant pyramids to show her power. There are no works of art to stand as material symbols of her love; her tenderness; her purity; her devotion to her husband, her children, her neighbors. But of monuments she left thousands—spiritual monuments which stand today and shall stand forever enshrined in the hearts of those whose lives have felt the strong, sweet warmth of her spirit.

How often, in the dead of the night when all about her slept in peaceful oblivion of the suffering of others, had she stepped to the side of her mate in Christian love and gone with him to fulfill the mission of her Master! How often, when the calloused buffeting of a careless world had struck the soul of another being and left it sick and wounded, had the gentleness of her own spirit saved it with the balm of Christian charity and nursed it back to greater strength and beauty than before! Children, baffled in their little hearts, and youths, pained to the quick, came to her, confided in her and from her gained aid and comfort.

Still nobody knew of all her good. Her charity and her aims were cloaked in the secrecy of herself and those who benefitted. Yet deep in the hearts of those became rooted a seed of her own spirit. These seeds grew and from each seed came something of her own nature. Thus, did she build her monuments.

And for strength they are not bettered by the pyramids. For beauty they are not excelled by the Madonna; nor for sweetness are they surpassed by the works of the master musician.

How much she meant to husband, sons and daughter they alone can ever know. Great honor was brought to her family and the name she bore was heralded throughout the land. How good her children, how-wise and powerful her husband!—Morning Call.

#### INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

by William McMahon, Pres.  
WILLIAM MCMAHON'S  
MARKET DIGEST

August 24, 1929.

There seems to be no let-down in the key industries. Steel operations are being maintained at a near-capacity rate, and the Iron Age states in its current issue that the "tapering demand recently reported for the metal has not yet been reflected."

Over-production still vexes the oil business, although the principal units in the industry report big profits and look ahead to still greater prosperity. Motors are forging ahead, with companies for the most part turning out cars at a record rate. The increased buying power of our farmers together with the enormous export business and the general affluence of almost everyone are items

to justify the optimism of motor partisans.

Most copper men think that the price for the red metal will hold at 18c a pound for at least the rest of the year. The railroads are reporting weekly gains in freight loadings and extensive equipment buying is reported.

There is a slight rise in the index of commodity prices, and retail trade is picking up in all sections of the country. Bank clearings were higher last week or the corresponding week last, and employment is better. Building construction shows gains and industrial failures are on the decline.

Money continues firm although somewhat easier than during the first half of the month. The outlook is for continued firmness, largely due to the heavy total of grain and cotton bills now coming on the market and which will absorb much Federal Reserve funds. The situation will ease, probably, in a fortnight.

The Stock Market is strong. Many of the issues which we have been recommending have advanced—namely, Steel, General Electric, Anaconda, Chrysler, Bethlehem Steel, Westinghouse, Pennsylvania, most of the Standard Oils and American Can. Every indication points to a still stronger market.

#### "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS"

"Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord, our righteousness" Jer. 23:5-6.

I believe this refers primarily, to the personal return of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to this earth to "reign and prosper" (govern) the inhabitants of earth, a King of kings, and Lord of lords, when "every eye shall see him" (Rev. 1-7) "every knee shall bow" (Ish. 45:23; Phil. 2-10), and "every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father". Phil. 2-11.

Jesus is Jehovah, self-existent, eternal, immutable God. He is our righteousness; we have none of our own. All are "guilty before God", and condemned to eternal death.

"He who knew no sin, was made to be sin (sin-bearer) for us, that we might possess the righteousness of God in him". 2 Cor. 5:21.

He died that we might live. "For our sake he became poor that we, through his poverty, might be rich". "Joint-heirs with him". Jesus did all for our complete justification and eternal salvation that the perfect and inexorable law of God demanded.

"Saviour divine, we know thy name, And in thy name we trust; Thou art the 'Lord of righteousness', Thou art our hope, the 'Lord of hosts'."

—C. M. Sherrouse.

#### ORPHANAGE

Though our children have generally been healthy, at present we have three in the Baptist Hospital. Two are there as the result of hookworm infection and the other with an enlarged heart. The two came here in the condition suggested, and had continued so long that the larger part of the red corpuscles had been taken from the blood, which has caused the children to remain in the hospital for quite a while. Though we believe they will finally get well, we are certainly thankful that our Baptist Hospital has given such faithful care to them. The kind treatment and care given them have made the improvement possible.

About a week ago James Walls became sick and was carried to the hospital, where he seemed to grow worse to the extent that our physician, Dr. Garrison, recommended a special nurse to remain with him constantly. A day or two later he seemed to get better and we thought he would overcome the disease and soon be well. But soon after, he rapidly changed for the worse and died. His body was carried to the old family home in Yazoo County for interment. Though our Home was saddened by his loss, we are thankful in the knowledge that all was done possible for him.

James was about eleven years of age and an unusually agreeable child.

As our County Associations are about over, and as some of our Moderators and clerks have failed to report those appointed to form an organization to work for the Thanksgiving Offerings, I want to call your attention to the matter and urge you to please advise me at once. Though you may have done the work, as we are anxious for a complete organization to enlist the general cooperation of our people, I shall be pleased to have the information so that we shall know that arrangements have been made. Let us complete the organization so that every member will have an opportunity to do something. Please remind them that we desire to make better conditions in our Home and assure them that we shall all have to respond and work to one common end, "A BETTER BAPTIST ORPHANAGE", if we really make the necessary improvements.

Our people can easily make the usual donations for support and maintenance, and then add \$1.00 in cash for improvement. Many persons can afford to give more liberally and I am sure they will do so. So let us work from now to Thanksgiving with the one idea of making better conditions in the HOME.

It is not our purpose to suggest any set plan for county organization, but we rather desire to do whatever we can to assist in getting the best possible organization. Therefore we desire to assure you that we are ready to cooperate in any way we can. If you think of anything we may do, please advise me as early as convenient.

Thanking you, I am

Fraternally yours,

—W. E. Thompson.

Rev. Rake raised his eyes from the notes of his sermon just in time to detect his young daughter, Lois, in the gallery pelting the congregation with bits of paper. While the good man was preparing a severe frown of disapproval, the young hopeful cried out: "You 'tend to your preaching, daddy; I'll keep 'em awake!"—The Agogan.

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Story Telling. I was sick in the hospital the first two weeks, but Mrs. Flynt took my place and filled it well. You will see from reports that my teachers are well trained, and you will also notice the school made 965 out of a possibility of 1,000 points on the standard."

—E. S. Flynt,  
Pastor.

Calhoun City Baptist Church.

"We have closed our fourth Daily Vacation Bible School. We feel that much good has come from each of them. The hand work is worth the time and expense. The manual training in the thirty minute opening service each morning is worth it all, to say nothing of the value of class work. Then, too, the voluntary service of the teachers and officers is worth much to the membership of the church. The filling of the quart jar with coins for Foreign Missions is a pleasure which we find worth while. Then the closing night is the high hour and its influence is far-reaching. We are for the D. V. B. S."

—L. G. Gates,  
Pastor.

First Bap. Church, Laurel.

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# An Emergency in FACT

## Mississippi Baptist Emergency Program is Not Merely a Catch-Phrase

**M**ISSISSIPPI Baptist Emergency Program is not merely a catch-phrase. It is not simply a name employed for the purpose of arresting the attention of the Baptists of Mississippi.

The Mississippi Baptist Emergency Program is a movement designed to meet a real, a drastic emergency—an emergency that exists in FACT.

The emergency arises from the fact that to carry on the work of the Church and the four Baptist colleges in Mississippi a bond issue was floated some years ago.

Receipts for state work and benevolences, from which the bonds and interest on them were to be paid, fell below the sums that were being received when the debt was contracted.

Now a total of \$142,629.17 is due and payable—in bonds, in interest on the bonds, in notes issued to pay off some of the bonds, and in interest on the notes. December 1, 1929, is the latest date of payment with which our creditors will be satisfied. The sum of \$100,000 is the smallest amount which we can honorably expect our creditors to accept on that date.

It is immediately apparent that the Baptists of Mississippi are confronted by a real emergency—an emergency that calls "for the payment of our debts . . . for the preservation of our integrity," an emergency in fact.

### NEWS OF THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM

#### WORK PROGRESSES

Work is progressing favorably in the Emergency Program, with the securing of an increasing number of leaders for the appeal throughout the State.

**NEW LEADERS INCLUDE:** D. M. Nelson, Chairman, Speakers Bureau; O. B. Taylor, Chairman General Special Gifts Committee; M. E. Moffitt, Chairman, Statistics Committee. District Chairmen and Associates follow:

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#### SPECIAL GIFTS

Some real activity got under way this week with the meeting of the General Special Gifts Committee at Jackson on Tuesday, With Judge O. B. Taylor, the chairman of the committee in charge.

This committee begins its work at once, as a forerunner of the special gifts work among the District Special Gifts Committees and the Association Special Gifts Committees.

The importance of this work cannot be stressed too strongly. Upon it depends the success of the effort. Let us all work together and make it a success!

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# MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EMERGENCY PROGRAM

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